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## A generous life

By Barry Fishman, editor

It would be easy to dismiss the Jewish Federation of Ottawa's campaign slogan 'Live Generously. It does a world of good' as just another well-crafted, well-intentioned attempt to get you to give more money to support our needy and numerous Jewish institutions.

That is until you meet Elie Wiesel. Suddenly that cute advertising slogan takes on a whole new meaning. For here is a man who, throughout his long and distinguished career, has made a difference in the lives of thousands by generously offering his time, his voice and his considerable influence to those who need it the most.

It was almost eerie how quiet it was when Wiesel spoke. Think of it. When was the last time you attended a large predominately Jewish event and you could almost have heard a pin drop during a speech?



Old friends Cantor Moshe Kraus and Elie Wiesel greet each other at the JFO fundraiser.

(Photo: Peter Waiser)

We in the audience could not help but be inspired after listening to a man who has dedicated his life to fighting indifference and reaching out to those forgotten or ignored.

What is most uplifting about Wiesel is that despite seeing the worst of mankind during the Holocaust, he refuses to give in to anger or indifference and continues to believe in the goodness of mankind. At a press conference, he told me, if he just thought about himself, it would be so easy to become pessimistic. However, when he thinks about his young students, he realizes he "has no right to give up. I am not alone ... so I hang on with my nails to any hope I can find in them."

Wiesel believes we determine our human condition through others. He tells us "to love our fellow human being as you love yourself." Only by being sensitive to the needs of others and helping others are we able to break down the walls of solitude and be truly human.

For Wiesel, it is an article of faith to help those suffering from injustice.

"I cannot allow a prisoner in his prison cell or a patient in a hospital bed to think nobody cares. I cannot help free them, but at least I can break the walls of solitude surrounding them," he says. "If we allow indifference to prevail, we are all its victims."

It is this sensitivity to others that motivates his fight against indifference. He has a beautiful

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Elie Wiesel speaks with members of the audience following his JFO address.

(Photo: Peter Waiser)

## Sold-out audience lines up to hear Elie Wiesel speak

By Diane Koven

It isn't often that an event in the Jewish community — especially when it is being held in the huge ballroom of the Westin Hotel — is completely sold out well in advance. It is even more unusual to see people, who already had their tickets, lining up for well over an hour in order to get a good seat.

That was the case when the Jewish Federation of Ottawa brought Nobel Peace Prize winner, Boston University professor and world-renowned author Elie Wiesel to be

the keynote speaker at its opening campaign event.

Speaking to a rapt audience of over 1300 people, Wiesel says, "Logically, the Jewish people should have, could have, disappeared long ago. What is the secret to our continuation? Is it religion? Is it culture? Is it a passion for learning? Is it prayer? It surely is a sense of solidarity ... somehow, when a Jewish community suffers, others felt it ... we have always felt the necessity of showing our commitment to God by showing a com-

mitment to each other.

"We need to be part of that experience of sharing, of saying that if somebody is there with an open hand, I must put something there. If somebody is there with an open heart, I must feel it. Otherwise, what is life?"

There are so many tragedies in the world, says Wiesel, and we must all do our part to help in whatever way we can. The great evil is indifference. "Indifference is not only a sin, it is also a

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## Wiesel: education key to fighting indifference

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punishment," he says. "Indifference to terrorism is not an answer. It can happen anywhere; it does happen anywhere."

He believes education is the key to fighting indifference, intolerance and hatred. "It takes years, but we should invest those years in our students."

A close friend of the late Yitzhak Rabin, Wiesel spoke of the horror of Rabin's assassination and the repercussions for Israel. He does, however, believe that there

will be peace in Israel. "I don't know how long it will last, but there will be peace," he says.

"Whatever happens in Israel, we must believe that it happens to us as well."

The event, held on September 7, 2005, was attended by Justice Minister Irwin Cotler, a long-time friend of Wiesel of whom he spoke fondly; by Supreme Court Justices Rosalie Abella and Morris Fish, by several members of the diplomatic community, and by a number of local politicians and dignitaries.

Wiesel also acknowledged his old and dear friend, Cantor Moshe Kraus, who was the cantor in his hometown of Sziget.

The Federation's 2006 campaign, chaired by Neil Shinder and Barbara Crook, hopes to raise \$5 million with the help of approximately 300 volunteers who will take part in the telethon and a variety of other fundraising events.

"In addition to asking you to make a generous pledge to the campaign, we hope that you will get involved and volunteer to make

this community a better place," said Federation Chair Ron Prehogan. He reminded the audience that "part of what it means to be a growing and responsible Jewish community is that we contribute not only towards Jewish causes but as well to people in need all over the world" and urged people to donate to the humanitarian relief fund established by the United Jewish Communities of North America to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

In his introductory remarks,

Shinder urged the audience "to carry (Wiesel's) messages beyond tonight, and into our lives and those around us...Tonight is the kick-off of our annual Jewish Federation Campaign where we build community and strengthen our institutions so that indifference will never lead to events such as those our esteemed speaker endured in his teenage years."

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## Ma'ale Adumim to be connected to Jerusalem

By Herb Keinon  
Ma'ale Adumim will be connected to Jerusalem, and a solution will be found for the Palestinians so that Bethlehem will be linked to Ramallah, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said on the last day of a six-day trip to the US.

In a speech to the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations, Sharon told the leaders of organized American Jewry not to expect the US to

applaud this move or the construction in settlements in the major settlement blocks. But, he intimated, the construction will continue.

Since the Six Day war the US "never supported" the building of or in the settlements, Sharon said, but all Israeli government went ahead and built up the settlements anyway.

"It is hard to expect that the US will come and change its position. I don't expect we will hear them say, 'go build.' At the same time they say, 'You are building anyway, 1000 units in Beitar Ilit, hundreds in Ma'ale Adumim. It is not that we like it, or support it, but you do it.'"

Sharon said that the major settlement blocs, which he has pointedly never defined, "are going to be a part of Israel" and contiguous with Israel. At the

same time, he said, "don't expect applause."

Referring to the controversial E-1 plan to eventually link Ma'ale Adumim to Jerusalem, Sharon said that one of the US and Palestinian concerns is that it will disconnect Judea from Samaria and deprive the Palestinians of territorial contiguity.

"There are answers to this, and they will be connected," Sharon said. "I don't think that will be a problem."

One solution being discussed is to build a tunnel under E-1 which would effectively provide "transportation contiguity between Ramallah and Bethlehem." Another idea is to build a new road just east of Ma'ale Adumim which would serve a similar function.

Sharon used the opportunity to address the leaders of American Jewry to deal with an issue that has become an issue on the agenda of some of the US Jewish organizations, especially the religious ones: that hundreds of the families evacuated from Gaza and the northern West Bank do not have housing solutions.

Sharon said that while he had respect for rabbis, "many rabbis" did not contribute to the situation during or after disengagement and "have made the situation harder."

He told the audience of some 150-people that 700 of the 1,700 families evacuated from their homes have not yet applied for the compensation payments, compensation he characterized as "quite high."

"They are under pressure of all kind of radicals not to

solve the problems, to live in tents," Sharon said. "This is part of a political struggle. There is also incitement not to serve in the military. Some of the rabbis are very active in this, and I think it is very dangerous; there is no possibility of not serving in the army. Israel still has many problems."

Sharon, who came to the meeting with the Jewish leadership from a meeting with UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, reiterated what he told Annan and various leaders throughout the week: that Hamas cannot take part in the upcoming Palestinian elections without disarming and revoking its charter from 1988 calling for Israel's destruction.

Sharon clarified that if Hamas does take part in the elections, Israel would not halt the elections, but rather would not co-operate with the Palestinian Authority to enable the elections to take place in the West Bank.

Sharon told Annan that as of last week Israel was out of Gaza, and that now the sole responsibility for what goes on there was in the hands of the Palestinian Authority. According to one Israeli official present at the meeting, Annan did not enter into a legalistic discussion with Sharon over the status now of the Gaza strip.

Sharon also stressed Israel's position that the International Atomic Energy Agency should recommend that the Iranian nuclear issue be brought to the Security Council for possible sanctions.

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### JEWISH RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCES 2005-2006


In an attempt to communicate and promote better education in the public domain, we have sent a listing of important Jewish Holy Days for the school calendar year, 2005-2006 to all schools in the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board. We hope this will serve as a guide and help prevent timetabling conflicts.

Below find a copy of the relevant dates.

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## Debbie Weiss and Steven Kimmel Friends with a Mission

They have been friends for 25 years. She was a bridesmaid at his wedding. So it came as no surprise when Debbie Weiss and Steven Kimmel sat down to discuss their views on the Ottawa Jewish community, volunteering, Missions to Israel, and each other, that the conversation was punctuated with fun-loving jabs, inside jokes and an ease shared by good friends.

Their connections go way back. Her parents and his wife Shelli's parents have been friends for decades.

Both have three kids. Debbie and her husband Ron have two girls and a boy, and Steven and Shelli have three girls.

Both love dogs and have female Labrador retrievers. Debbie lovingly refers to her 10-year-old lab Sophie, as "psychotic," while Steven is careful to spell the name of his seven-year-old yellow lab, S A M I, to eliminate any potential for error in this article and risk offending his pet.

Friendship aside, these two share a commitment to and love of community, as is evident by their considerable volunteer endeavours over the years. In April 2006, Debbie and Steven will lead the Mission to Israel. They will helm the 2007 annual community campaign and they want "to put the fun into fundraising", says Steven.

Their banter immediately takes on a more serious tone when talking about community and their goals with regards to their involvement.

### Q: Which adjectives best describe you?

Debbie: Passionate, organized, high energy.

Steven: Committed, driven, energetic.

### Q: How would you describe each other?

Debbie: We have a true respect for each other. Despite having some differences, it is because of this respect that I look forward to working with him.

Steven: Debbie is going to be a great asset! As a team, I think we will help put the fun in fundraising and we'll keep everything organized and on course.

### Q: What's the first thing that comes to your mind when you hear the following words?

#### Volunteer

Debbie: Commitment.

Steven: Me.

#### Campaign

Debbie: Money.

Steve: Fun.

#### Israel

Debbie: Hope.

Steven: Peace ... with a question mark.

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Debbie: Give what you can. Give of yourself. It feels good.

Steven: Feel good about your gift.

### Q: What is your motivation for involvement in the community?

Debbie: I want to reach those who have and those who have not been involved before and help foster a sense of belonging to the community. I also feel very strongly about encouraging women to take on leadership positions and influence the direction of this community. Needless-to-say, it is also very important for me to be a role model for my children.

Steven: I am a born and bred Ottawan who graduated from Hillel Academy. I feel strongly about giving back to a community that's been good to me personally, and professionally, through my business. I feel it's my turn to step up to the plate. My goal is to try to develop new leadership and committed people.

### Q: What are your impressions of the Ottawa community?

Debbie: I'm from an active Montreal family and have now lived in Ottawa 25 years. Temple Israel was my first Jewish home in Ottawa and where I found my sense of community. It was through my experience on the '95 Mission that I found the broader community. Whether "old" or "new" Ottawa, we are all looking for a sense of community to belong to.

Steven: Despite how much we've grown, we are still managing to maintain a sense of community and intimacy. The potential to connect is there for everyone. Cooperation among the various religious groups within Ottawa continues to improve, which makes Ottawa unique. It isn't that way in other communities.

### Q: What is your fondest childhood memory as it relates to community-involvement/activities/programs/holidays, etc.

Debbie: My first trip to Israel with my parents. I found a new passion and sense of connecting to my Judaism in a way that I had not discovered previously, and I have carried it with me ever since. I try to bring kids to Israel every year.

Steven: I remember going to Sunday Funday at the Chapel Street JCC. I was the first Bar Mitzvah at Young Israel in Ottawa and active in BBYO at the JCC.

### Q: If you could achieve only one thing in particular with this year's Mission, what would it be?

Both Kimmel and Weiss acknowledge that their experience on the '95 Mission was where they both found their place in the community in a leadership capacity and recognized the tremendous potential in the community. Their hope is to build on that experience and work to develop new leadership.

"Ideally we want people to come back charged by what they've experienced and the new relationships they've made, and put that energy into action by getting involved," says Debbie.

To find out more about this year's community Mission, please call 798-4696, ext. 248.



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# Honey, heads, challah and other signs of Rosh Hashanah

By Batsheva Pomerantz  
(IPS) Foods served during the Rosh Hashanah festival are like a virtual New Year's greeting card, symbolically expressing hope and good wishes for the upcoming year. These foods vary and, depending on custom, include fruit, vegetables, fish and even lamb.

Meals over the two-day holiday begin with circular challah rolls, which signify the endless circle of long life. Some serve loaves shaped like a ladder indicating that a person's fortune can either ascend or descend in the coming year. A piece of the challah is dipped in honey instead of its usual sprinkling with salt.

This is followed by a slice of apple also trickled with honey, which is the first to be eaten and followed by a verbal wish. All wishes begin with the expression "Yehi Ratson" – "May it be Your will ..." After reciting the blessing for fruit and taking a bite of the apple, the plea "to renew for us a good



Pomegranates symbolize our hope that "our merits be as numerous as the pomegranate seeds." (IPS photo by Mark Neyman courtesy of the GPO)

and sweet year" is recited. Some enjoy this sweet appetizer up until the conclusion of the Sukkot holiday.

A piece eaten from the head of a fish is followed by the appeal "to become like a head and not a tail," meaning that we should lead rather than follow. Fish are also prolific, symbolizing the hope "to be fruitful and mul-

tiplied like fish."

The bony carp is popular for Rosh Hashanah in Israel, where it is bred in fresh water ponds and sold in open-air markets and supermarkets.

Sephardi Jews traditionally eat from the head of a lamb to commemorate the Binding of Isaac (*Akeidah Yitzhak*), which took place

on Rosh Hashanah. The lamb's head symbolizes the ram sacrificed by Abraham as a substitute for his son Isaac. *Akeidah Yitzhak* is read from the Torah in synagogue on the second day of the holiday. The blowing of the shofar also recalls the ram referred to in the *Akeidah* story.

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A fish vendor at Acco's open-air market. At Rosh Hashanah, fish symbolize the hope "to be fruitful and multiply like fish" and a fish head means that we should lead rather than follow.

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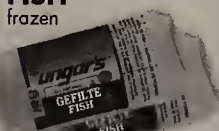


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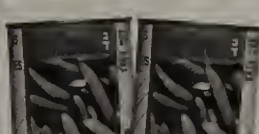


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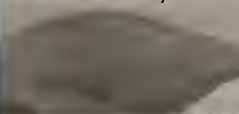


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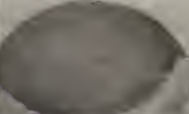
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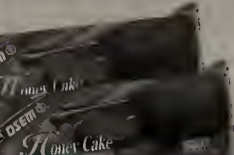
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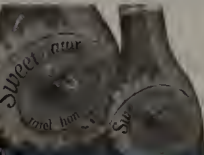
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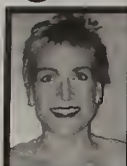
*Editor's note: JFO Chair Ron Prehogan has arranged to share his column, on occasion, with the chairs or presidents of the community's major beneficiary agencies or committees so that they can provide some insight into their operations.*

When the increasing frequency of my trips to Israel prompted me to think about renting an apartment in Jerusalem, I confess I was more than a bit nervous.

At my regular hotel, I knew virtually all the staff by name, hooked up with missions from all over North America and met Israelis from all walks of life. What if I felt isolated and lonely in a downtown apartment?

Within an hour of getting the keys to the place my husband Dan and I rented in Jerusalem, however, I knew loneliness would be the least of my worries.

The owner of a kitchen store not only delivered everything to my third-floor walkup that same day, but promptly invited me for dinner. My new neighbours gave me a key to their apartment within minutes of meeting me. The next day, I ran into a young man and an elder-



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Barbara Crook  
Chair,  
Women's Campaign

ly lady who were clearing out one of the apartments on the ground floor. The young man immediately offered to help me move my furniture, and the woman insisted I write down her home and cell phone numbers in case I needed anything. I had known them all of five minutes.

In the days before I became Jewish, I might not have trusted such instant connections. But after eight years of studying Judaism, six years as a full-fledged "member of the Tribe," travels to Jewish communities across Canada and 13 trips to Israel since my very first trip in May 2003, I know this is one of the many joys of being Jewish. We have "family" everywhere, and no one is a stranger.

That's one of the reasons I have been

so involved with the Ottawa Jewish community and United Jewish Appeal – now the Jewish Federation of Ottawa – since I moved back here in 1998, and why I am so proud to be chair of the 2006 Women's Campaign. We can accomplish things as a community that no single individual, no matter how wealthy or well-connected, could ever accomplish alone.

And it's not just about money.

Yes, I've seen this community raise \$1 million in less than an hour for victims of terror in Israel. But I've also seen young women who are new to community involvement start out as observers on a board of a UJA beneficiary agency, as part of the Young Women's Leadership program, and go on to be the driving force of that board.

I've seen men and women with limited Jewish learning, or who hadn't pursued Jewish studies since their Bar or Bat Mitzvah, sign up for a class offered by JET (Jewish Education through Torah) or enrol in the Florence Melton School, and reconnect with their Jewish identity. I've seen people who can afford only a modest financial donation give the incalculable

gift of their time and kindness. I've seen an Ottawa breast cancer survivor drop everything to help an Israeli woman – whom she'd met by chance on a UJA mission – in her battle with the disease.

It's all about partnerships – within our community and with our extended "family" in Israel.

I've also seen our community take a leadership role that has inspired other Jewish federations. On our most recent community mission to Israel in May, we heard over and over again from our beneficiaries and partners in Israel that because Ottawa was the first community to commit to funding a program – such as the SELAH organization that helps immigrant families in crisis – other federations stepped forward. We have sent more than 400 people on missions to Israel in the last four years – at a time when many North American communities were afraid to send even a single mission.

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## Katrina lesson: never take our blessings for granted

It is now about a month since tragedy struck in the Louisiana-Mississippi-Alabama region of the United States. The magnitude of the tragedy remains enormous by any standard, covering an area the size of Great Britain, killing in the thousands, displacing in the hundreds of thousands, and traumatizing who knows how many with scars that bear the imprint of permanence.

We recall that a few days into this unfolding tragedy, fingers were being pointed, blame was apportioned in megadoses and charges from incompetence to racism were the norm.

It will take a while to get the entire story, but there are lessons we can learn from this massive catastrophe.

One lesson, a hard one to swallow, is that even the most powerful country in the world is powerless against the forces of nature unleashed with unabating ferocity. This does not mean that we should shrink from protecting against the elements, only that we should be humble in the process.

A second lesson is that even with the best of plans and the best of intentions, effective implementation can only work with full cooperation. It took a few days for law and order to be restored in some places, a necessity that undoubtedly hampered the relief effort.

We learned to our dismay, and even horror, that co-operative behaviour cannot be assumed as a given.

A third lesson we learned is that people do not all fall into predictable patterns. We were reminded again and again that there are heroic people everywhere, who transcend the moment and engage in dedicated kindness



### From the pulpit

Rabbi Reuven  
Bulka  
Machzikei Hadas

that extends far beyond any expectation.

As disappointed as we may be with the indiscriminate and senseless violence, so must we be heartened and inspired by the selfless acts of devotion to life saving.

As if we needed another reminder, we nevertheless were once again made aware of the depths to which humans can sink, and the heights to which they can rise.

A fourth lesson, most important for all of us, is how all this once again reminds us of the fragility of life, and the sense of perspective that we sometimes avoid but do so to our own detriment.

I recall returning home from a trip to New York a few days after the tragedy started to unfold, and saw the price of gas soar in the space of a few days. Without going into the matter of whether this price jump was justified, I found it hard to complain about it.

Just thinking about the overwhelming tragedy in New Orleans and other places was enough to put a different perspective on this. Why complain about the price of gas when you can at least get it? Why focus on a relatively trivial matter when others are barely clinging to life?

We periodically are given lessons in perspective, such as 9-11 and Katrina, and the

lesson lasts for a while, but the lesson does not last forever. It is not that we deliberately scoff at the lesson. It is more that we almost subconsciously go back to normal.

As we enter into the contemplative Rosh Hashanah-Yom Kippur period, putting matters into clear perspective is a major priority. In one of the most gut-wrenching prayers, we ask who will succumb by fire (9-11?), who will succumb by water (Katrina?).

It is not that we want to succumb at all, but we are singularly aware of how vulnerable we are to the elements. The bottom line of all our entreaties is the desire for life – meaningful, vibrant life, life in the fullness of good health and vigour. We would trade

that for all the luxuries and conveniences this world can offer.

It is hard for us to imagine the devastation of having one's entire household, with all its contents, material and memorable possessions, being washed away. Seeing this unfold before our eyes imposes upon us an extra dimension of gratitude for all the blessings we have, blessings we sometimes take for granted; blessing which recent events have proven that we should never take for granted.

May the coming year be a year placement rather than displacement, a year of co-operation rather than fragmentation, a year of tranquility rather than storm.

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## Wiesel: friendship 'a kind of moral commitment'

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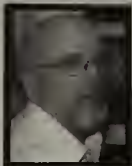
story of meeting two refuseniks in the Soviet Union. Unaware of each other, both had translated Wiesel's book *Night* into Russian and dreamed of presenting it to him in person. When he introduced them, they fell into each other's arms with tears of joy as they realized they were not alone.

Tzedakah, or charity, makes us more human by making us aware and more sensitive to the fears and needs of others. Wiesel tells us he remembers watching funeral processions as a young boy in his hometown of Sighet. The beadle walked in front of the casket carrying a black box and crying out, "Charity saves from death."

He remembers thinking if what the beadle was saying were true, these charitable people should have lived until they were 120. It was not until years later, with the help of a rabbi, did he begin to understand the beadle's meaning.

Giving tzedakah, he realized, saved his sensitivity and made him understand. "If I am sensitive, I am not dead before I die." He adds, "If I don't care, I am impoverished."

As a people, Wiesel believes "we need that experience of sharing ... otherwise what is life?" By showing our commitment to each other, we are showing our commitment to God. It is our "sense of solidarity" for one of the reasons why the Jewish



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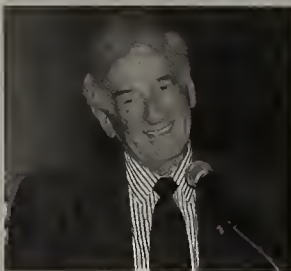
people have survived, despite thousands of years of persecution.

Wiesel wholeheartedly believes in friendship. Friendship, he says, "is a kind of moral commitment to humanity through friends."

He acknowledged two old friends who attended the JFO fundraising evening. He warmly described Justice Minister Irwin Cotler as "someone whom I have been with on so many battlefields for the last 30 years."

He adds, "There are very few people in the world I feel so close to in my fight for certain people, for the causes we defend, for Jewish causes, for Israel, for Jewish communities and world welfare."

His friendship with Ottawa's Cantor Moshe Kraus goes back even further. As a young boy, he first met the cantor in Sighet when, as an unmarried 18-year-old, Cantor Kraus became the last chief chazzan of the city. Wiesel fondly remembers singing with the cantor and says, "Whenever we meet,



**Elie Wiesel**

(Photo: Dov Vinograd)

we sing together." He described their Ottawa meeting as "a joy."

Wiesel does not forget his friends or where he came from. For years, every Passover, he would meet his friend Krauss, Moishe Chaim Berkovitz and other survivors from the town of Sighet at Berkovitz's Miami hotel.

Cantor Kraus laughingly remembers, "Every year, we were sitting together for the Seders. I want to tell you I worked very hard every year to prepare for the Seder night, to be original. I believe Elie Wiesel and Moishe Chaim learned from it as well."

Although he had become famous, Wiesel was always outgoing and concerned

about his fellow Passover guests.

"The greatness of a Wiesel is that he doesn't forget his friends," says Cantor Krauss. "Some people, when they become big, they forget. Wiesel doesn't forget."

He is also very appreciative of his friends. Cantor Kraus tells the story of how when he was visiting Israel, Wiesel happened to drive by and stopped. Unfortunately, Wiesel was in Israel to bury his sister. He begged the cantor to officiate.

To this day, every time they meet, Wiesel thanks Cantor Kraus.

The cantor says, "He can't forget it. He always reminds me of it. I tell him, 'I would have been happier if you had called me for a wedding.'"

One would be hard pressed to find a better example of a person who lives generously. We should all live so generously. For, as Wiesel has shown, "it does a world of good."

Congratulations to Sam and Susan Firestone and Neil and Randi Shinder for the brilliant idea of bringing Elie Wiesel to speak at the JFO campaign kickoff. Thank you to a very busy Elie Wiesel for agreeing.

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The staff and advisory committee of the *Ottawa Jewish Bulletin* wish you and your family a Shana Tova. May we all have a happy, healthy, and peaceful New Year.

## New Orleans relief effort scandalous

One early evening, one late December, my final year of university: three friends and I hopped in a car in Toronto and headed south.

We drove straight through the night and the next day – from Snow Belt to Sun Belt – past Buffalo, Cleveland and Cincinnati, through Louisville and Nashville. After a night's rest in Memphis, we continued south along the Mississippi River, through the state of Mississippi, into Louisiana and finally – two December evenings after leaving the icy Big Smoke – we were in the sultry Big Easy.

Maybe it was partly the adventure of the trip. Mostly it was the destination itself. A few days there was all it took for New Orleans to become one of my favorite places anywhere.

Like so many other visitors, I was awestruck by the unique city – so unlike any other American urban centre in style, in history, in culture, in its mix of people.

Jazz and blues. Po'boys and beignets. Creole and Cajun culture. Voodoo shops and Mardi Gras masks. Louis Armstrong and Buckwheat Zydeco. A Streetcar Named Desire and A Confederacy of Dunces.

It was as exhilarating and fascinating a place as I could hope to experience.

I always planned to go back. As fun as it



**Alan Echenberg**

was being there with friends, it seemed to me I ought to return some day with a different companion. It felt like a place I should visit with, say, a woman.

That romantic sentiment, of course, now feels trite after the devastation of the legendary city. There's no way to know, at this point, what will be left to go back to in future.

After what happened to so many people in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, it may be unseemly to stake a claim to a feeling of personal loss. The loss I feel for New Orleans is nothing compared to its residents' losses – of loved ones, of neighbourhoods, of their city as they knew it.

Like so many other visitors, I didn't really get a full picture of New Orleans when I visited. I saw it through tourist eyes and missed, for example, a sense of the great poverty there. I had no feel for the city's gaping divides of race and class, which the recent disaster would eventually

expose to the world.

And although the information was available, I had no sense of how vulnerable the city was to the vagaries of nature, compounded by man-made problems of neglect, environmental degradation and incompetence.

But while the ignorance of a twenty-something tourist is surely to be expected, the ignorance or ineptitude of the officials who were responsible for safeguarding the city and its residents surely cannot be excused.

As much of New Orleans sank and parts of it burned, as tens of thousands of people all over the Gulf Coast scrambled to survive – or failed to do so – leaders at every level seemed to fiddle uselessly for days.

A disaster that was easily predictable – indeed, that HAD been predicted many times over many years – seemed to catch them underprepared.

Both pre-Katrina measures and post-Katrina relief efforts were tragically inadequate, and the communications surrounding them often disingenuous.

The result was not only heartbreaking, but also shocking, even scandalous. A worldwide audience saw scenes of misery and lawlessness more suited to a third-world hellhole than to the wealthiest nation on earth. And the squalor and desperation

dragged on and on for days, underscoring the inept bungling and negligence of bureaucrats and political leaders.

It was almost surreal, in the midst of all this, as dead bodies sat for days undiscovered or simply uncollected, to watch the president of the United States tell a TV interviewer, "I don't think anyone could have anticipated the breach of the levees" and to publicly praise the soon-to-resign head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency for "doing a heck of a job."

I don't know what is to become of the city that so charmed me as a university student. It's too early to know whether or not New Orleans can be rebuilt, or how much of it – and of other communities in the region – can be salvaged.

Also uncertain: How much of its citizens' trust can be salvaged by the leadership of the most powerful country in the world, and how much of it has been drowned for good in the fetid streets of the Crescent City.

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## Rosh Hashanah foods

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Nuts and their derivatives are frowned upon and do not appear on the Rosh Hashanah menu. The numerical value of the Hebrew letters of *egoz* ("nut") is 17, equivalent to that of *het*, Hebrew for "sin." Thus, even an allusion to sin on Rosh Hashanah is avoided. Sour or bitter foods are also not eaten on the holiday.

The juicy pomegranate has hundreds of seeds, possibly as many as 613 – the number of commandments (*mitzvot*) contained in the Torah. After it is eaten, we ask that "our merits be as numerous as the pomegranate seeds."

At the beginning of the festive meal, Sephardi Jews serve a series of foods based on *simanim* (signs), in addition to the ritual fare described above. This is based on a Talmudic tradition: "Abaye said: If you maintain that symbols are meaningful, every man should acquire the habit of eating pumpkin, fenugreek, leek, beet and dates on Rosh Hashanah."

These foods grow rapidly and thus symbolize fertility and abundance.

Language also plays a role in the *simanim*. The Aramaic or Hebrew name of the food indicates a key word in Hebrew that refers to an optimistic wish for the New Year.

Eating the *tamar* (date), from the Seven Species of the Land of Israel, is followed by the wish to halt (*tahm*) all haters and enemies.

The *kara*, or pumpkin, invokes the wish to tear apart (*kara*) the evil decree as well as to read (*koreh*) before the Almighty our good merits.

Adding colour to the table, the *silka* (beet or spinach) is eaten with the wish to get rid of/remove (*silek*) our enemies.

The *karti* (leek) refers to cutting down (*karot*) our enemies, perhaps referring also to our spiritual enemies or misdeeds.

Eating *rubiya*, fenugreek or black-eyed peas, coincides with the wish to increase (*ribuy*) our merits.

A favourite dish among Ashkenazi Jews is *tzimmes*, made of carrots stewed in a sweet syrup. *Tzimmes* seems to combine the figurative ingredients for a good year. In addition to their sweetness, the carrots, when cut into circles, resemble coins, alluding to a prosperous year. In addition, carrots in Yiddish are *mehren*, which also means "increase." By eating *tzimmes* we hope to increase our good deeds in the New Year.

These are difficult and painful times for the State of Israel. Let us pray that the New Year brings peace and national unity to the Jewish nation and the strength to overcome adversity.

## Campaign deepens commitment

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Landing Elie Wiesel as a kickoff speaker was a major coup for a community of this size. Prof. Wiesel told me when he was here that he receives at least three requests a day for speaking engagements, and that one of his two secretaries spends most of her time saying no! Thanks to Neil and Randi Shinder and Sam and Susan Firestone, among many others, Ottawa got to be on the yes list.

Family, partnership and leadership. These are the words I associate with being Jewish in Ottawa – and these are the elements I want to emphasize

in this year's campaign.

Yes, we will be asking you to make a meaningful gift. But we also want you to think about other ways of deepening your commitment to this community.

Come out to a new event – we have some great ones this fall – and bring a friend. Pick an organization whose work you admire and give a bit of your time every week. Join us on the community mission to Israel (April 26-May 7, 2006), meet some of our partners there and build your own unforgettable friendships.

Who knows? Your new friends may even offer to move your furniture!

## Pirkei Avot: the wisdom of our sages

**Pirkei Avos 3 – 13: Rabbi Chanina ben Dosa says:**

*If the spirit of one's fellows is pleased with him,  
the spirit of HaShem is pleased with him.*

By Rabbi Zischa Shaps

What does it mean that others should be pleased with you? It cannot simply mean that everyone likes you, for we know of many evil people who had hordes of followers. The understanding can be found in the wording of the text. The spirit of one's fellows is pleased with him. The spirit represents a person's higher being. If your actions appeal to the spirit of others, their spiritual side, then God is pleased with you for it shows that those actions were truly good.

The laws of the Torah can be divided into two major categories: laws between man

and God and laws between man and man.

On Yom Kippur, God can forgive us for all sins that we committed against Him, but He cannot forgive those done against another person, unless the individual himself forgives us. If we want God to be pleased with us on Yom Kippur, we must first make sure that our fellow human beings are pleased with us.

As we approach Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, let us all resolve to forgive anyone who may have wronged us and make a greater effort to be more careful in how we deal with others. *Shana Tova!*





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By now you have received your invitation (if you haven't, watch for it in the mail real soon!) or seen our ads in the *Bulletin* and the *Ottawa Citizen*. I urge you to RSVP quickly: judging from the significant number of tables already booked we anticipate a sell-out. As they were last year, tickets are \$180 per person. A partial income tax receipt as allowable by law will be issued.

This year the Negev Dinner Canvasser's Kick Off was held at the Rockcliffe Park Community Centre in early September and, I am delighted to report, the evening began at 6:00 pm. and finished ahead of schedule.

In his remarks, Dr. Stem expressed his gratitude to JNF for giving him the opportunity to make a difference in Israel and said that he is honoured and grateful to be working with a group of volunteers who are clearly responding to him and his project.

Acutely aware that water is the critical issue for this millennium, Dr. Stem has chosen as his project The Hartley Stem Nanotechnology Research Project - in the desalination and de-pollution of water. This project will see leading JNF and university researchers work side-by-side to find nanoscale solutions to water desalination and groundwater toxins. The bulk of the research will be conducted in the Negev Desert near Beersheva and Besor and will embrace nanoscale solutions to water desalination. Its findings will serve to significantly drive down future water purification costs and enhance scientific capacity and cooperation. More than 400 children die around the world each hour from dirty water related diseases. The findings will benefit not only Israel and all countries in the region but will also be shared with nations throughout the world.

Mrs. Dalia Baker, wife of His Excellency Alan Baker, Ambassador of Israel to Canada, brought greetings from the Embassy of Israel. Mark Mendelson, Executive Director Eastern Canada, came in from Montreal to attend the event.

#### Sefer Bar/Bat Mitzvah Inscriptions

Mazal Tov and Yasher Kouch to our Bnai Mitzvah celebrants whose names have been inscribed in the Sefer Bar/ Bat Mitzvah on the occasion of their recent simcha: Brodie Shev Appotvie by his parents, Sharon and David Appotvie; Brodie Shev Appotvie by his Bubby Sue Slack; Amy Sara Blostein by her parents Margo and Alan Blostein; Jordan Charles Magidson by his grandmother Lilyan Philipp; Benjamin Rapahel Sher by his parents Erica and Graham Sher; Noam Yehuda Steinman by his parents Golda Feig and Ned Steinman; Samantha Lynn Szirtes by her parents Bonnie and Richard Szirtes.

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On the occasion of his Bar Mitzvah, Alex Soloway, has been inscribed in the Golden Book by his grandmother Ruth Soloway.

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## Bonjour Israel: record number of French Jews make aliyah

By Simon Griver  
(IPS) Yedidia Elkouby speaks ambivalently about France.

On the one hand, the 39 year-old textiles entrepreneur stresses his gratitude to the country that took his family in as penniless immigrants from Morocco, when he was just a babe in arms, and insists that it is unfair to call France an anti-Semitic country.

On the other hand, he tells stories of Muslim threats to his children, and the "polite" anti-Semitism not far beneath the surface of native-born France.

Elkouby is once again an immigrant.

At the end of July 2005, he made aliyah with his wife Myriam and their three children - Ilan, 15, Yoel, 13 and Talia, 6. The family reached Israel together with 300 other French new immigrants on flights from Paris and Marseilles.

Ambivalence to France aside, it is quickly apparent that Elkouby, a religious Jew, was drawn to Israel not so much as a haven but because of his deep love for Jerusalem. With a black kippa draped proudly on his head, he surveys the impressive view from the fifth story apartment that he bought in the city's exclu-

sive Talpiot neighborhood.

"We are very excited about spending our first Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur here in Jerusalem," he said.

"We had everything in France. We enjoyed a high standard of living and we lived in the 19th arrondissement in Paris where everybody is Jewish. They say that there are 150,000 Jews living in our quarter, so I felt very comfortable walking the streets wearing my kippah.

"But as a Jew I could only feel completely fulfilled living in Israel. You sit in a sukkah in Paris and it is cold and pouring with rain. The festivals were made to be celebrated here."

Jewish Agency estimates are that 3,300 French Jews will make aliyah in 2005 compared to 2,400 in 2004, and judging by the number of enquiries about immigration this figure could reach 4,000 next year.

Thousands more young French Jews are studying in Israel, while Jerusalem real estate prices have been pushed up, not only by immigrants like Elkouby but by hundreds of other French Jews purchasing vacation homes in the capital.

"My wife and eldest daughter were reluctant to leave Paris," admitted Elkouby, "although my son was very enthusiastic. But Myriam was persuaded when she realized that we could enjoy a high material standard of living as well as an improved spiritual life."

Elkouby recounted that his grandparents and four of his aunts and uncles left Morocco in the 1960s for Israel, while seven other

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French Jews disembark excitedly at Ben-Gurion airport on their arrival in Israel and are welcomed with flowers and Israeli flags.

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## French Jews make aliyah

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brothers and sisters, including his father, came to France.

"But now we are almost all here," he said. "Last month my parents made aliyah. My sister is already here and my brother plans to come."

"And what do we have to complain about?" he asked, sweeping his arm towards his luxury apartment. "My parents generation came with nothing."

Elkouby says that he has left his clothing business in Paris with competent managers and plans on returning there for four days a month for some hands-on management. He interrupts the interview several times to field business calls from France on his cellular phone and is eager to get back to his computer to check for e-mails.

"When my people in Paris have a problem that needs sorting out," he

explained apologetically after one of these conversations, "I am only a phone call away. And anyway even when I was based in Paris, I was travelling abroad much of the time, especially to the Far East."

Remarkably, Elkouby makes his living by selling textiles to the Chinese.

"I know it sounds crazy," he said. "I even buy most of my fabrics in China, make them up into casual clothing in France and then export them back to the Far East."

"To be honest my products are very ordinary and could have been made in China, but there is a large wealthy clientele there prepared to pay top dollar for fashions that were 'Made in France'."

Elkouby has a charming candour about him, which extends to a discussion about Israeli politics.

On the disengagement from Gaza and Northern Samaria, which began several weeks after Elkouby reached Israel, he observed: "Frankly I was rather upset about the entire withdrawal from a completely selfish point of view. Here we were so euphoric about making aliyah and we felt somehow - I know it sounds silly - that the entire Jewish people should be happy and celebrating with us. And instead everybody was preoccupied with disengagement."

However, bucking the trend among Orthodox Jewry, Elkouby expressed support for the withdrawal.

"Perhaps it's arrogant of me to express an opinion when I am so new in the country," he said, "but I think we have to give the Palestinians something if we want peace."

"We have to have clearly

defined borders if we want to defend ourselves."

As Elkouby relaxes, he begins to paint a less positive picture of France than his initial assertion that it is not an anti-Semitic country.

He discloses that his son Yoei would only travel on the metro with a large group of friends.

"If he was with a small group of friends then they would be threatened and spat at by Muslim gangs," he said.

He also tells of his own experience in a French court.

"I went to court over a car accident and brought along a witness to the accident; a passerby whom I did not know but who happened to be Jewish."

"At one point, the judge asked me sarcastically how it was possible that I did not know Mr. Goldstein, the witness. The point was clear - all Jews are in league with each other. At that point, I knew that I had lost the case."

Elkouby is confident, even convinced, that a large proportion of France's 600,000 Jews will soon be following in his footsteps to Israel.

"Many are going to Miami and Montreal it's true," he said, "and thousands more will stay behind in France. But when I told friends and acquaintances that we were making aliyah almost all of them said they would be coming to Israel soon."

"French Jewry is very traditional and committed to Judaism and Israel. Aliyah is a natural step for us. I always felt foreign in France. Only here do I feel that I am in my own country."

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## Speaker at Na'amat convention warns about complacency

By Sharon Clark

From the early days of Armenian and Sikh violence, to the rise of the Tamil Tigers, Hezbollah, and Al Qaeda, Canada has had an ignominious past nurturing and exporting terrorism around the world.

So says Stewart Bell, chief reporter for the *National Post* and Canada's leading national security journalist, guest speaker at the 14th Triennial Na'amat Canada Convention in Ottawa.

The Canadian courts have been bogged down in red tape as they try to deport terrorists living in Canada while ensuring that they are not sent back to countries where they will be tortured, Bell asserts. Some have lived freely in Canada for 10 years or more as they wait for deportation orders.

Bell noted that until 2001 it was legal for terrorists to raise money in Canada. The Anti-Terrorism Act has since criminalized terror financing, but even with this legislation, there is an estimated



Stewart Bell signs copies of his latest book *In Cold Terror* at the Na'amat Canada Convention held recently in Ottawa. (Photo: Sam Garcia)

\$140 million of terrorist financing in Canada.

"Terrorist groups operate under the cover of front organizations that purport to be doing charitable work, but a portion of the money they are raising supports terrorist movements," says Bell.

"Members of Parliament

are invited to attend events for these front organizations, but in doing so, are supporting terrorist groups. As Canadians, we do not see ourselves as involved in terrorism, but we cannot be complacent."

The Na'amat Canada Convention, a three-day event,

took place September 10-12.

Sharon Sholzberg-Gray, president and CEO of the Canadian Healthcare Association, spoke about the need for Jewish women to be involved in political office and to support others running for office.

Dr. Karen Mock, execu-

tive director of the Canadian Race Relations Foundation, described incidences of anti-Semitism in Canada, and recounted her experience at the UN World Conference Against Racism in Durban, South Africa.

Dr. Racelle Weiman, the first director of the Center for Holocaust and Humanity Education in Cincinnati, gave details about specific projects she is undertaking worldwide to increase awareness of Judaism and counter anti-Semitism.

Talia Livni, Na'amat Israel president, made the trip to Ottawa for the conference and provided an overview of the work they are doing to improve the lives of working women in Israel through better working hours, longer day care hours, and job equity.

Shirli Shavit, director of Na'amat Israel's Overseas Department, discussed the needs of the 280 Na'amat day cares across Israel, including Na'amat's newer multi-purpose centres, which

will remain open from 7 am to 7 pm.

Local teenagers lent a lighter note to the convention as they modelled colourful and unusual fashions designed by students of Na'amat's renowned vocational training school in Hadera. DJ Stuntman Stu presented the models with his usual flair.

Delegates from Montreal, Toronto, Hamilton, Winnipeg, Edmonton, Calgary, Vancouver and Ottawa attended the convention, which marked Na'amat Canada's 80th birthday.

Na'amat Canada is part of a worldwide Labour Zionist movement dedicated to improving the lives of women, children and families in Israel and around the globe. Na'amat's youth wing is Habonim Dror, which runs Camp Geshet and many other camps. Na'amat has about 40 chapters in nine provinces across Canada.

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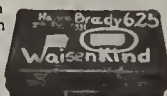
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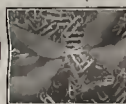
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## Israeli Circus crosses Middle Eastern tightrope

By Barry Davis

(IPS) Of all the Jewish-Arab projects currently taking place in Israel, the Jerusalem Jewish-Arab Circus is probably one of the most colourful and gratifying.

Established 11 years ago under the aegis of the Jerusalem Circus Association (JCA), the circus aims to appeal to as wide an ethnic and cultural audience as possible and serve as a vehicle for dialogue and co-existence between Jewish and Arab youth who live in Jerusalem.

"Learning circus arts is a fun way for youth from different social and economic backgrounds to come together and meet in a safe and equal environment," explains JCA founder and general director Elisheva Jortner, a Tunisian-born art teacher who trained in multicultural education and conceived the circus project as a way to bridge ethnic and social gaps in Jerusalem.

The circus currently employs 18 Arab and Jewish youngsters, aged 9-18, from in and around the capital, who rehearse twice a week.

"We performed at the Israel Festival [the country's premier cultural event] this year," says Jortner proudly. "That was really a professional step up for us."

Aviva Barzani, grants coordinator at The Abraham Fund Initiatives, which has been supporting the circus for the past six years, together with the Alan B. Slifka Foundation, is equally enthralled with the young-

sters' progress.

"It's wonderful how well they are doing and how well they get on together," she says. They also, she adds, provide each other with physical support, in a literal sense, as they hoist each other onto ropes and trapezes, lean and climb on each other, juggle together and carry out synchronized routines.

"The beauty of this art is that it serves as a live demonstration of how different people from different backgrounds and with different talents can fully trust and rely on each other and together succeed in creating something wonderful. There is a worthwhile lesson here for all of us - Jews and Arabs - who share this country," says Barzani.

Although learning circus skills involves developing a range of individual physical abilities, it also requires teamwork and trust.

This is vividly illustrated by the working and social relationship that has evolved between 19-year-old Arab Israeli Abdullah Taha and 11-year-old Jewish Jerusalemite Jamie Bregman.

Taha became involved in the circus four years ago.

"My motives were twofold," he says. "I heard about the circus from a teacher at my school. I liked the idea of learning circus tricks, and the interaction between Jews and Arabs appealed to me. It was also an opportunity to improve my Hebrew."

Bregman admits to harbouring similar intentions.

"I go to the Arab-Jewish bilingual school in Jerusalem. I was very excited about joining the circus, especially as there were Jews and Arabs working together."

Bregman has been with the circus for four years, working as a trapeze artist

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## Jewish-Arab circus promotes mutual trust

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and juggler. He also performs acrobatics with Taba.

"Abdullah throws me in the air and I do somersaults and other stuff," Bregman explains. "I trust Abdullah to catch me. We have made some mistakes but, until now, he's always caught me. Abdullah and I have become good friends."

The late Beatle John Lennon once sang: "Imagine there are no countries." At the time, it may have seemed to some like the vision of an idealistic pop star, but Taha believes that, at least for him, this concept has the makings of a tangible reality.

"We visited the United States and Belgium with the circus, and a lot of people there didn't relate to us as Arabs and Jews. We were just a circus group from Israel," he says.

"That was in 2001, at the beginning of the intifada. It was only later that they realized we were supposed to be enemies. As far as I'm concerned, we are not Jews and Arabs; we are just people who live and work together."

The circus is now starting to make waves beyond Israel's borders.

In addition to forays into the United States and Belgium, the youngsters performed in Germany last year, alongside the German circus troupe Cabuwazi. This month, Cabuwazi returned the compliment and travelled to Israel to perform with the Jerusalem Circus.



Jewish and Arab youngsters provide support for each other during a juggling act.

(IPS photo courtesy of the Jerusalem Jewish-Arab Circus)

Despite this, however, the circus has been through some rocky times.

"Although the circus started out well, the outbreak of the intifada made things difficult for a while. Some of the Arab children found it hard to come to rehearsals after someone from their village had been killed, and it was hard for the Jewish children to come to the circus on a day when there was a terrorist attack."

Fortunately, however, the children and their families have survived the difficulties with their enthusiasm undiminished and continue to visit each other's homes and spend time together socially.

"The children in the group have become almost like a family," says Jortner. "One Jewish girl lost two friends in terrorist attacks. She received a lot of support from everyone in the circus, both Jews and Arabs. Today,

the members of the circus don't really regard themselves as Jew or Arab. No one denies their cultural roots, but they say: 'We are more than that.' In many ways it's the realization of a dream."

Jortner recalls a time when the Israeli army got involved in the circus.

"Last year, my daughter was doing her military service and she asked her superior officer for a pass to come and see one of the circus shows. Not only did she come, but she brought several uniformed officers with her who wanted to see this phenomenon. At the end of the show all the children came up to my daughter and kissed her."

"The officers were astonished by the whole thing and my daughter said they could talk about nothing else when they got back to their base. That's got to have far-reaching effects for the future."

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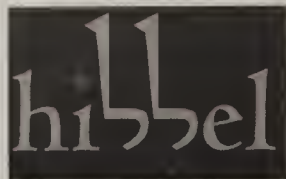
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(From left to right): Percy Levine, Barry Davis and Elliot Marshall at the breakfast club.

## Thoughts on the way to the breakfast club

By Elliot Marshall  
In the early 1970s, the late Harold Cohen had an idea. On Sunday mornings, he and a group of Jewish boys went to the JCC on Chapel Street for a workout. Afterwards, Cohen thought, since they were all hungry, rather than go home to eat, why not meet at the Carleton Hotel on Albert Street for bagels and coffee?

This developed into the 'Ole boys club' and continued for several decades until the Soloway JCC was built.

Recently, at our new meeting place, Murray Macy's *Le Bistro*, I looked around at the men sitting at the table. The numbers can vary from 12 to 20.

Members include Laz Neumann, Norman Slover, Morey Carp, Sam Zunder, Danny Kimmel, Norm Glube, Barry Davis, Dave Muscovic, Allan Krakow, Al Cohen, Norman Lesh, Sy Gutmajer, Ben Achbar, Jacee Levinson, Elliot Levitan, Irving Berovitch, Mike Rudann, Bill Silverman and Pat MacAdam.

Pat MacAdam? What was a nice Christian boy doing in a Jewish breakfast club? Obviously, having a good time. It seems Pat MacAdam was a good friend of Harold Cohen and it was Cohen who brought him along to the get-togethers.

MacAdam is also the reason why I became a member

of the club in 1998 when my wife Helen and I moved to Ottawa.

MacAdam and I come from Glace Bay, Cape Breton Island. We knew each other in our youth, until he went on to university and then on to Ottawa where he enjoyed quite a successful career, in the political field, not as a politician, but just about every other aspect of the political arena. His skills encompass a wide range of endeavours. He is now a freelance journalist.

When he heard I was about to move to Ottawa, he wrote telling me to get in touch with him when I arrived.

We got together a few times. Then, one Sunday morning, he took me to the breakfast club and introduced me to the boys. Lo and behold, Pat MacAdam, the only non-Jewish member of the club was the first to introduce me to members of the Ottawa Jewish community, some of whom became my golf buddies, schul chavaim and all around friendships ensued.

What do we talk about at the breakfast club? Nothing, but interesting nothing - eat your heart out Seinfeld and Company.

It can be current events, personal stories, the good old days in the Byward Market, struggling to make a living - just about any topic/subject

that comes to mind, and within one hour and 10 minutes it's brought up, discussed, and resolved without a hitch, and bear in mind, Dr. Phil is not a member of the club.

To us, there is nothing more serious than humour.

I consider this to be the highlight of the morning: We collect \$6.00 per person. Then I get to watch 16 self-trained, self-taught, self-made men, some entrepreneurs who took budding ventures and built them into highly successful enterprises. (many of whom probably still negotiate multi million dollar deals during the week), struggle to balance the monies collected at the breakfast. This is, without doubt, the funniest moment of all.

To witness 16 men, 15 Jews and one Christian, seniors at that, spending one hour on Sunday mornings for a get-together, laughing, joking, kibitzing, enjoying themselves and forgetting their troubles for a brief moment, is truly a great treat, aside from the tasty bagels and cheese.

It is so gratifying for me, coming from a small Jewish community, where we always had excellent relationships with the general community, to see my old friend Pat MacAdam, sitting so comfortably with the "Old Jewish Boys" of the breakfast club.



## Magen David Adom crews to stop carrying guns

By JPost.com staff

Magen David Adom has decided, following a demand made by the international Red Cross, that its members would no longer carry side-arms with them if not necessary.

The decision was reached as MDA was trying to gain acceptance to the International Red Cross organization.

Eli Yafeh, a MDA volunteer, told Army Radio "the crazy Israeli reality has created

impossible situations for our crews. Hundreds of ambulances have been damaged by stone-throwers and gunshots.

"The Red Cross symbol is one of protection – those who wear the symbol are not harmed. Therefore, if we wear it, our medical teams will not need to carry weapons in self-defence."

See related story on page 17.

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## Jerusalem landmark to become five star hotel

By Etgar Lefkowitz

Jerusalem is going to be getting a new five star hotel, after a prominent Canadian corporation purchased the site and development rights of the city's century-old former Palace Hotel.

The site, centrally located near the David Citadel and the King David Hotels, until recently housed the offices of the Ministry of Trade and Industry.

IPC Jerusalem, which is controlled by

the Toronto-based Reichmann family, purchased the site and development rights from the city's Regency Hotel for \$20 million. Regency attorney Tzidkiyahu Hermolin said.

The building plans include the construction of a 220-room five star hotel and an adjacent high-quality residential condominium complex, while restoring and preserving the facade of the early 20th century four-storey hotel. (©) The Jerusalem Post

## Researchers propose plan for Gaza water crisis

By Judy Siegel-Itzkovich

A group of Israeli, Palestinian and French scientists have proposed a possible management solution to ease the water quality crisis depriving Gaza Strip residents of drinkable water.

Their study is published in the September-October 2005 issue of the journal *Ground Water* devoted totally to the issue of trans-boundary groundwater.

Chronic over-exploitation of the southern Mediterranean coastal aquifer shared by Israel and the Palestinian Authority has

resulted in a declining water table, accompanied by the decline in the water quality in the Gaza Strip.

According to the researchers, who worked as part of the European Union Fifth Framework Program, the first step required investigating sources of salinity and contamination patterns in the area. Second, models were used to simulate the different water flow patterns along the border between Israel and Gaza. The third level of the project provided management scenarios tested by mathematical models. (©) The Jerusalem Post

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## Tova Clark autobiography

## Interesting life makes interesting read

By Cynthia Nyman Engel  
When her marriage to her Canadian diplomat husband ended in 1991, Tova Clark pulled herself together, sat down and wrote a book.

"I wrote *Compartments* as a catharsis. I wanted to prove to myself that I existed before being Mrs. Lorne Clark. I needed to search for my roots. Amazingly," she smiles, "it worked."

*Compartments* was officially launched in June. The 126-page biography, published by Penumbra Press, will be available for sale this fall at Collected Works, Shirley Leishman Books, and other independent bookstores.

An interesting life makes an interesting read, and Clark has had a very interesting life.

The story begins in 1940 in Oppeln, Germany, when Tova, only child of Charlotte and Ernst Wolff, is but a year old and the family is about to embark on an odyssey out of Germany to the safety of Shanghai, China. That first journey is

the precursor to a life that will be spent in many parts of the world: Israel, England, Ghana, Italy, Washington, Argentina and Spain. Today, Clark makes her home in Ottawa.

Clark tells her story in the present tense.

"I did it that way because I felt the reader would experience everything that 'is' happening to me," she explains.

The author paints an honest picture of her life. Her account is frank. She is open and honest about her feelings, her relationships and the events that motivated her and shaped her decisions. She is rarely judgmental.

She recalls with painstaking accuracy her formative years in China and Israel, her budding sexuality and the bid for independence that saw her move to England as a young woman.

In London, she meets a law student, Montrealer Lorne Clark. She recognizes the depth of ambition in the young man and

knows he will go far.

They fall in love and marry. With marriage, her nomadic fate is sealed: Lorne Clark ultimately joins the Canadian Foreign Service and works his way through the ranks to become Canada's ambassador to Argentina. Tova Clark is the quintessential 'wife of' and she thoroughly enjoys her role.

"I loved the Foreign Service," says Clark. "I would never have had the opportunity to see so many places, meet so many people."

She chuckles remembering a dinner party during their posting in Ghana.

"Sometime after dinner the ladies and men separated," she says. "I would have preferred to be with the men because they, of course, would discuss politics which, with my Israeli background, was much more interesting to me than women's talk."

She recalls house hunting in Washington.

"The agent showed us a lovely house that I really liked. I called the number

two person at the Embassy of Israel to ask whether the area was a good one for us and was told, 'Don't do it.' The area was known to be anti-Semitic and, although it was undergoing change, we chose not to buy that house."

Wherever the posting, Clark threw herself into her role as 'wife of' with enthusiasm.

"In Argentina, I watched only Argentine TV, so that I could get to follow the language and understand the people and the customs," she says.

"Argentina was the most fascinating place. I was there for two and a half years. I knew very little about it when I arrived, but, by the time I left, I felt I knew it well. The people were so friendly and hospitable, and having a Jewish ambassador with a Jewish wife was very special for the Argentine Jewish community."

Undergoing a difficult time? Clark strongly recommends writing your way through it.

"It takes a lot of will power and self discipline, but it's much cheaper than going to a psychiatrist," she smiles.

Clark is justifiably proud of her three grown children: Ron, a lawyer specializing



Author Tova Clark (left) with son Ron and daughter Sharon.

in energy law, lives in Toronto with his wife and two sons; David, a lawyer specializing in offshore law, lives in London, England; and Sharon, a public relations consultant, lives in Ottawa with her husband and two sons.

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# Magen David Adom to be 'crystalized'

By Judy Siegel-Itzkovich

A red diamond-shaped emblem called a "crystal" into which a red Star of David is inserted may be approved by a majority of the 191 countries who are members in the International Red Cross Movement and the national societies before the end of this year.

Diplomatic representatives of 123 countries were meeting at a "pre-conference" in Bern to tell the Swiss government whether they would approve recognition of a neutral symbol, in addition to the Red Cross and the Red Crescent, that would give legitimacy to other countries' first-aid, ambulance and blood supply societies.

Most eager is Magen David Adom, which has observer status and has been waiting for decades for full membership.

Dr. Noam Yifrach, chairman of MDA's executive board, told *The Jerusalem Post* that the Swiss government had initially insisted that the decision by participating countries be unanimous. "But they have backed down, after it was made clear to them that if the Red Cross itself were put up to a vote today, it would not be unanimous."

Yifrach said he was "more optimistic now about us getting full membership than any time in the past."

The proposed four-sided shape is officially called a "crystal," as some countries objected to its being referred



MDA is hoping soon to become a full member of the International Red Cross Movement. (MDA photo)

to as a "diamond" on the grounds that this recalled African slaves working in diamond mines, Yifrach said.

If the Swiss government finds that a majority of the countries are willing to vote for the crystal emblem at a diplomatic convention in October, such a vote would be followed by approval by member organizations from around the world who comprise the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

Yifrach says that if it reaches this stage, he is sure that the proposal will pass, because "we have near unanimous backing among member organizations, including the Egyptian, Jordanian and Palestinian Red Crescent organizations."

If the crystal emblem is approved, Israel will receive not only prestige as a full-fledged member of the International Red Cross movement, but its annual funding will be increased beyond its current \$1.5 million.

In addition, Israelis from MDA will be able to ask to go to any country where their help is needed – including those where persecuted Jews need to be rescued or imprisoned.

oned Jews need to be visited – and receive immunity from being attacked when they hoist their red Star of David embedded in the crystal emblem.

The International Red Cross would not display all three symbols together, but use whichever one is relevant in each situation. "Even today," said Yifrach, "they don't use a red cross when they go to Iraq, because the Muslims there don't like Christian symbols. Instead, they write only ICRC [International Committee of the Red Cross] in letters."

"Arab countries have always said it is not the right time for MDA to get its own symbol," he added. "Syria, Lebanon, Iran, Libya and even Morocco will probably vote against us. Not having our own symbol was only an excuse, as Arab and Muslim countries opposed us for political reasons."

In 2003, the ICRC signed with MDA their first co-operation agreement, which included a commitment by the ICRC to donate \$1.5 million a year to MDA projects and expressed increasingly closer ties.

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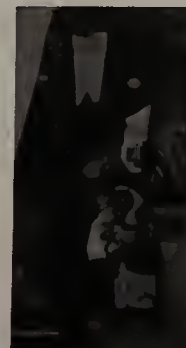
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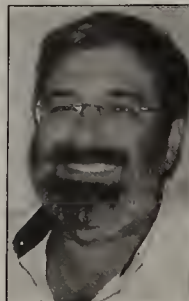
## Dr. Gary Viner to explore history of his family at OJHS lecture

The Ottawa Jewish Historical Society is presenting Dr. Gary Viner, well-known local physician, who will explore the history of his family.

The Viner family has had a North American presence since about 1908 and is related to most of the long-standing Ottawa Jewish families.

Dr. Viner has always had an interest in his family genealogy and has interviewed some of his grandparents and their siblings.

Among the tidbits, Grandfather Irving Viner recalled visiting his own



Dr. Gary Viner

grandfather (David Viner-man, b. 1828) in Ukraine.

Dr. Viner uses a software

program to organize genealogical information and has used the Internet to make further connections to family.

The software program allows him to publish the family trees on the web and, ultimately, manage three family tree web sites, each with about 750-800 individuals.

Dr. Viner is the medical director of the Family Medicine Centre at the Ottawa Hospital, Civic Campus. He also continues his clinical teaching practice with obstetrics as well as administering an academic teach-

ing unit, while trying to enhance the information technology necessary to provide optimal patient care and resident education.

Early in his career, he became involved in family medicine information management and, with colleagues, has published a coding system for family medicine diagnosis called ENCODE-FM. This is now in use in a variety of settings in Ontario.

All are invited to hear Dr. Viner speak at Agudath Israel Synagogue on Thursday, October 20, 2005, at 7:30 pm.

## The Blue Mountain: 'what happens when Zionist ideology becomes a reality'

Israel is a people with a history measured in millennia and a nation with a history measured in decades. But these decades that span the 20th century to the present have a density of events and philosophies that seems to rival the majestic procession of biblical and post-biblical Israel.

Israeli writer Meir Shalev captures the rapid and tumultuous adaptation of the Zionist pioneers to life in Eretz Israel and the resulting transformation of the land to match their socialist ideals in his novel *The Blue Mountain*.

Sara Vered, who grew up in Israel during the time surrounding the 1948 War of Independence and creation of the State of Israel, will speak about Meir Shalev's novel on September 29 at 7:30 pm at the Soloway

Jewish Community Centre.

*The Blue Mountain* is a saga of three generations of an agricultural village in the Jezreel Valley, beginning with the founding members from the Workingman's Circle who drained the swamps and established a modern community.

The novel is told from the viewpoint of Baruch, the grandson of Mirkin, one of the founders of the settlement. Family stories, legends and *lashon harah* (gossip) are mixed in an intricate, fabulist recounting of the quirky personalities that serve as a miniature for the evolution of Israeli society.

Vered describes *The Blue Mountain* as, "what happens when Zionist ideology becomes a reality."

Shalev's writing is sensual and tinged with hyperbolic images. He writes:

"Mounted on hoes, they flew over poisonous swamps and blazed trails through a rank cover of rushes and crabgrass while the light, fragrant cloud of Feyge's dress draped their faces with thin veils of devotion."

Shalev was born in 1948 on Nahalal, Israel's first moshav and is one of Israel's most celebrated novelists. His books, including *Fontenella*, *Alone in the Desert*, and *But a Few Days*, have been translated into over 20 languages and been best sellers in Israel, Holland and Germany. In

1999, he received the Juliet Club Prize (Italy).

Shalev is also a columnist with the Israeli daily *Yediot Ahronot*. He lives in Jerusalem and in the north of Israel with his wife and children, where he is a motorcycle and jeep enthusiast.

The book talk is sponsored by the Vered Israel Cultural and Educational Program and takes place at the Soloway Jewish Community Centre. There is no charge for admission.

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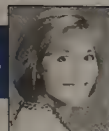
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# School picnic welcomes students back to Torah Academy of Ottawa

By Rabbi

Israel Goldbaum

Vincent Massey Park, Section "H" was the location. Spread between two trees was a "Welcome Back to Torah Academy" banner.

The event?

Torah Academy of Ottawa's first ever "Back to School Picnic."

And the result?

Overwhelming success, as the vast majority of TAO families attended the picnic that took place on the first Sunday in September.

Colourful helium balloons added to the excitement, as well as the free vinyl lunch bags that were distributed to all Torah Academy students. The lunch bags were emblazoned with the Torah Academy logo and the slogan "Torah Academy of Ottawa Satisfies Your Hunger for Learning."

This affair was the first one arranged and hosted by Torah Academy's newly reconstituted PTA, headed by Michla Finkel. The PTA is already considering other exciting events that will directly benefit the 95 students (a record enrolment!) of Torah Academy and their families. Based on the positive feedback generated by this event, it will most certainly become an annual Torah Academy tradition.



Young students of Torah Academy of Ottawa enjoy the helium balloons and the fun activities, all to welcome back to the new school year.

At the picnic, Rabbi Zischa Shaps, executive director and dean of Torah Academy, introduced the newest member of Torah Academy's administrative team.

Jody Maclaren will be joining Rabbi Shaps and Judaic Studies Principal Rabbi Yisroel Goldbaum as the secular studies vice-principal.

Maclaren is a graduate of the University of Ottawa and Carleton University where she earned her teaching credentials and majored in English and sociology.

After teaching for many years at Elmwood School for Girls where she also served as senior school choir director, Maclaren returned to school and graduated Summa Cum Laude with a bachelor's degree in education specializing in physical education. Her administrative experience includes serving as a vice-principal at the Banfylde Preparatory School.

Maclaren's educational philosophy is to encourage students to use their strengths to attain success in learning. Her personal mantra in dealing with students is to be "firm but fair" and "a good listener."

She expects students to take pride in their work and

in their school and is planning many new and exciting ways to bring out and highlight these feelings in Torah Academy's student body.

One concrete example of this is the "Wall of Achievement" that greets all who enter the school and upon which are displayed especially noteworthy work and achievements of TAO students.

Maclaren's own words sum up the spirit of enthusiasm she brings to Torah Academy. "If you have a positive attitude, you can't go wrong. Let's make this a great year!"

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237-5000**Prominent academics distort facts  
to disguise thriving anti-Semitism****By Lawrence Humber**  
According to Dr. Jacob Kovalio, anti-Semitism is alive and dangerously thriving in the teachings and writings of left-wing academics and opinion-leaders around the world.The Carleton University professor recently gave a lecture titled *Asia-Pacific and Judaism from Shakespeare to Mahathir* at the Soloway JCC.

Dr. Kovalio began with the origins of anti-Semitism in Japan, a rarely considered aspect of a country whose population numbers approximately 128 million, among whom scarcely a thousand are Jews.

He described the import and translation of *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* from Russia and the seriousness with which the text was taken in a society with no actual experience of Jews.This anti-Semitism became political in that the Jewish peril presented in *The Protocols* was taken as a true threat and used as a tactic to promote Japan within South-East Asia during the Second World War.

It was not, however, the overtly threatening anti-Semitism of Nazi Germany, and Japan never persecuted Jews in the way their Nazi allies did.

**Dr. Jacob Kovalio**The intelligentsia in Japan always had a role in the proliferation of anti-Semitism. It was the president of the Japanese Sociology Society who published the first translation of *The Protocols*. But it was not until after 1967 that the ultra-leftist brand of anti-Semitism really began to be promulgated by a series of prominent academics.

This development formed the crux of Dr. Kovalio's lecture and led from Asia-Pacific into the broader area of concern.

With this shift in focus, Dr. Kovalio's passion for the subject became very clear. His manner, shifted palpably with the introduction of the danger represented by the movement among intellectuals of the ultra-left that he referred to as three anti-ism.

The scope of the lecture broadened to include North America, Israel and Europe and it took on the tone of warning.

He described three anti-ism as the linking of anti-western and anti-Zionist sentiments, not in themselves invalid, with a veiled anti-Semitism found largely in the irresponsible misreading and misrepresentation of the facts of historical situations.

Dr. Kovalio noted how several prominent left-wing thinkers distort facts and disguise anti-Semitism in criticisms of US and Israeli policies. As a historian and lecturer, it seemed most troubling to Dr. Kovalio that this was taking place in for-

mal lectures and being expressed to students as fact and not opinion.

Citing an example from his own experience at Carleton, Dr. Kovalio described a panel organized three days after September 11, 2001, which discussed why the United States deserved to be attacked but did not - until he stood to speak - acknowledge the barbarism of the attacks themselves.

That he found himself the sole dissenting voice illustrated the potentially dangerous influence of the proliferation of these opinions amongst students.

Following the lecture, Dr. Kovalio answered questions from the audience.

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## Former congregant Rabbi Spritzer to lead High Holiday services at Adath Shalom

By Liana Shlien  
Adath Shalom's tradition of enhancing High Holy Days services with visiting rabbinical leadership continues, as Rabbi Miriam Spitzer of Sharon, Massachusetts, returns for a third consecutive year.

The Conservative Egalitarian congregation, affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, conducts Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services at the Soloway Jewish Community Centre, 21 Nadoiny Sachs Private.

Rabbi Spitzer serves as rabbi and Judaic studies coordinator at the South Area Solomon Shechter School in Stoughton, Massachusetts.

This role ties in well with what she sees as her contribution to a congregation that relies on lay leadership throughout the year:

teaching and sharing new insights into the meaning of the unique traditions and prayers of the High Holidays.

At Adath Shalom's High Holy Days services, the congregation's lay leaders conduct the cantorial roles. Rabbi Spitzer presents sermons, provides commentary to the prayers and offers lively study groups between services.

The rabbi's visit gives people a perspective they do not usually hear by providing guidance and spiritual leadership at this key point in the Jewish calendar.

"This year, there is an added dimension of continuity, continuing relationships, continuing discussions and continuing to grow together spiritually over the High Holy Day period," Rabbi Spitzer notes.

The rabbi's connection to the congregation can be traced back to 1978, the founding of Adath Shalom, when her father, Rabbi Roy Tanenbaum, led the congregation. As a young teenager, she actively participated in the early period of the congregation's existence.

Now ordained in the Conservative movement, married and mother of four, she says she appreciates the opportunity to return to the city and the synagogue that helped to nurture her Jewish identity as a young teenager.

In 2003, Rabbi Spitzer returned for the first time to Ottawa as the visiting rabbi at Adath Shalom, with her daughters accompanying her.

"I felt like I was going home in so many ways," she recalls. "This year, I am



Rabbi Miriam Spitzer

very much looking forward to again spending time with the congregants."

High Holy Day tickets are available by contacting Susan Robertson (521-6529). Please specify if you are interested in using the babysitting and children's programming.

Arrangements for university student's tickets, available at no cost, should be made in advance.

## JFS volunteer work leads to friendship

By Millie Mirsky  
About a year ago, I saw an ad in the *Ottawa Jewish Bulletin* that Jewish Family Services was looking for volunteers for its mentoring program. This program helps Russian Jewish immigrants improve their English.

I knew I would enjoy this. What I did not expect, however, was the wonderful friendship that developed.

Lina's English is really very good, although I have difficulty convincing her of

this. Our conversations have been helpful in increasing Lina's comfort in speaking English. From her side, Lina "keeps me on my toes."

Early in our relationship, when driving Lina home one day, I told her we would be taking a "circuitous" route. I mentioned that I could also have used the word "convoluted" (although I knew these words are not interchangeable).

The next time we got together, Lina informed me,

gently, that indeed these words have different meanings.

Lina and I get together about once a week. Together we do a wide variety of activities. One is playing Scrabble. In one game the word "kale" came up. Lina was unfamiliar with this and other leafy greens. On my next visit, I brought pictures and descriptions and pointed these out during a trip to the supermarket. Lina even rose to the challenge of cooking Swiss Chard!

We are fortunate to be living in Ottawa where there are many things to do, often at little or no cost. Lina and I have enjoyed free concerts at the National Arts Centre,

craft shows at Lansdowne Park, Arts Alive 05 put on by the Inuit Art Foundation and exhibits at the National Library and Archives, the National Gallery and the Ottawa Art Gallery.

At Arts Alive 05, Lina spoke Russian with Siberian artists. Then, turning to me, she continued in Russian. We both had a good laugh.

We have our own field trips and spend time browsing through the Glebe and the Byward Market and as far afield as Manotick and Merrickville.

I am now looking forward to our second year together. Thank you Lina, and thank you JFS.

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## Ottawa institution celebrates 60 years in business

By Kaila Rosenhek  
This past August marked the 60-year anniversary of Kiddytown, the Jewish-owned Ottawa chain of children's clothing stores.

"The 60 year anniversary to me means that we were successful and that we liked what we were doing," says Kiddytown founder Goldie Abramson. "And after we were open for five years I knew we were doing something right, because it didn't come easy."

Abramson, soon to be 90, established the children's clothing store in 1945 when she and her late husband Charles moved to Ottawa.

Working as a buyer for

Reitmans, Abramson says she decided she no longer wanted to work for someone else.

"I bought the long gloves, the 3/4 length gloves, working for Mr. Jack Reitman and I got a lot of experience as a buyer, which helped me with Kiddytown," she says.

Abramson took the lease over at the store's first location on Rideau Street, which was a candy store at the time. The candy store, as Abramson explains, could not stay open for business because of the sugar shortage during the war.

"If you ask me why I wanted children's wear, I can't tell you, but it was what I wanted," Abramson said. "And for five years I didn't



Kiddytown's first location, on Rideau Street, across from Freiman's (now The Bay)

buy a pair of hose because I couldn't afford anything; but I had a goal."

Rhea Hymes-Hochstadter is Abramson's niece. For more than 30 years, Hymes-

Hochstadter has worked at Kiddytown, primarily as its buyer. She credits her aunt and uncle for the success of the business.

"They were very quiet, conservative people who came from nothing, and everything they invested in the business stayed in the business," Hymes-Hochstadter said. "That's how the business succeeded."

Abramson insists that it was a labour of love getting Kiddytown off the ground and having the entire family involved with it.

"My brother Hymie had just been released from the air force," Abramson says. "He took off his uniform and went to work, so he joined in the business too."

Hymie's daughters, Hymes-Hochstadter and Barbara Fine, continue running Kiddytown today with the same fervent dedication as their predecessors.

"I have a lot of pride for Kiddytown's success because we worked there when we were little kids," Fine says. "At seven years old we would be working behind the counter taking money and answering the phones because we could, and we

were encouraged to work either in sales or in the warehouse, so it was definitely in our blood."

Abramson says being personal is what has made Kiddytown unique for the last 60 years.

Hymes-Hochstadter explains that for many years everyone had an account at Kiddytown, including Prime Minister Trudeau.

"Kiddytown was an institution in Ottawa and it did all the Hillel Academy uniforms in its day," Fine says.

"Now, we get a lot of hockey players coming to dress their kids at Kiddytown," Hymes-Hochstadter says. "Radek Bonk was just in the other day."

One thing that Hymes-Hochstadter confesses drove her crazy working at Kiddytown for so long was when her father would reminisce about children he used to dress who are now parents. Until one year ago, when Hymes-Hochstadter found herself doing the same thing!

"Meanwhile, I'm dressing second and third generations already," Hymes-Hochstadter says. "And my dad is dressing great-grandchildren, because he's 82 and still working at the store."

Abramson says she has delighted in every moment growing with Kiddytown. She feels blessed for what the store has brought to the community and her family.

"It was our bread and butter and it took me through many, many hurdles, but I loved my work," she says. "I was a sales clerk, and a damn good one."

Abramson says the legacy of Kiddytown will live on for at least another 60 years.

"I'd like to see Kiddytown continue forever, from one child to the other," she says.

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# Local artists perform at Stratford Festival

By Kaïla Rosenhek

Two Ottawa talents have brought their dreams to fruition for many to appreciate at one of Canada's most recognized theatre festivals.

Jennifer Waiser and Gabriel Wolinsky appear in various productions at this year's Stratford Festival, which continues until November 6.

Both performers grew up in Ottawa and both agree that performing at Stratford is an honour and a well-merited accomplishment.

"Being at Stratford is definitely an accomplishment for me and it really does symbolize what I have been working toward, for all these years since I was a kid," Wolinsky says.

Waiser says it is a wonderful experience to work at Stratford where artists are embraced and benefit from endless resources.

"We have access to great coaches and the environment here is perfect for what we do," she says.

Waiser, 27, appears as Little Red Riding Hood in the production *Into the Woods*. She is also performing in the musical *Hello Dolly*.

She has been performing all her life, but decided to act and sing professionally at 17.

"I worked with great community theatre companies growing up in Ottawa, but it wasn't until I switched high schools from Lisgar to Canterbury that I really solidified my choice to enter this field," she says.

For Waiser, it has proven to be a good career choice to date and the industry seems to agree. She has been nominated for two Dora Awards, one for her role as Little Sally in *Urinetown* and the other as Queen Victoria in *The Boy Jones*.



Gabriel Wolinsky

What inspires her to pursue this dream, she explains, is that it is no longer just a dream for her.

"I'm actually able to do it. I love what I do. I know many people don't enjoy their line of work, so the fact that I do is very exciting."

There are several aspects, however, she confesses to not love about her line of work – the constant moving, being away from friends and family, and the lack of job security.

"This business can be very uncertain and when opportunity knocks you must go with it," she says. "So far, I've been lucky, but I'm always aware that things can change tomorrow."

Waiser would love to work one day on Broadway, but she can also see herself doing film and television work.

"The criteria is that I have to be happy. I won't just take a job because it's there; it has to be challenging and interesting at the same time."

She encourages anyone with a passion for the arts to explore and learn about every

sphere of the arts that interests them.

"The learning never stops in this job, so you may as well start now," she says.

Wolinsky, 20, who sings and dances in Stratford's *Hello Dolly* ensemble and performs in *The Tempest*, agrees.

He started his learning as a performer at the age of seven. He began studying tap dance at the Greta Leeming Studio of Dance in Ottawa and progressed to jazz and ballet. Wolinsky admits that tap has always been his favourite style.

"Ever since I could dance,



Jennifer Waiser

I have wanted to do something more with it to take it to the next level and do musicals," he says. "This career is different from any other, but is very rewarding."

Wolinsky went on to study vocal art at Canterbury High School, which, he explains, helped him find work in musicals.

"Going there really aided me in gaining vocal ability and I've become a stronger and more confident singer," he says. "Which has helped me in my career already."

Thus far, Wolinsky's career is markedly notable. In 2001, he won the North

American Male Dancer of the Year award.

"I had trained a lot for that moment and, while my dance teachers were a big part of that for sure, I couldn't have done it without my parents,"

he says. "They've always been supportive, arriving or driving me wherever I needed to be and cheering for me the loudest."

Wolinsky says he hopes to continue working in theatre and is considering moving to New York to perform on Broadway.

"I also plan to one day open and run a dance studio, but, for now, I am set on doing shows and travelling and having a good time."

The hardest part about the business, Wolinsky explains, is the auditioning stage, where "you either get the job or be cut."

He says, "In the end, doors always open and you just have to find the one that's best for you."

Also acting in this year's Stratford Festival, though not for her first time, is Ottawa native Adrienne Gould, who plays Phebe in *As You Like It* and Miranda in *The Tempest*.



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Ottawa Torah Institute Yeshiva High School students (from left to right) Daniel Kaiserman, Raphael Kerzner and Rafi Krym receive their Grade 12 diplomas at OTI graduation ceremonies.



Shifrah Friedman receives her high school diploma from Machon Sarah High School for Girls Principal Harry Corrin.



Star of David Hebrew School student prepares a meal, ensuring all ingredients are kosher and the right utensils used.

## OTI and Machon Sarah students graduate

Four Grade 12 students at Ottawa Torah Institute (OTI) Yeshiva High School and Machon Sarah (MS) High School for Girls received their diplomas at summer graduation ceremonies.

They will continue their higher education at yeshiva

and universities in Israel and Canada.

The OTI/MS graduates were Daniel Kaiserman, Raphael Kerzner, Rafi Krym and Shifrah Friedman. Kaiserman was awarded the Governor General's Medal for Outstanding Scholarship and Kerzner

won the Dr. Eric Stulberg Memorial Scholarship.

Rabbi Howard Finkelshtein, spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Shalom West and Zev Singer, a reporter for the *Ottawa Citizen*, addressed the OTI graduates.

Singer, who spent six

months at the OTI yeshiva while on paternity leave, hailed the uplifting environment at the school where students regard themselves as a team in contrast to the public school environment where students often put each other down.

Graduate Krym contextualized these comments by noting "the special relationship between the yeshiva rabbis and students, which gives life to each other."

## OTC teaches children about kashrut

Rabbi Menachem Blum, Ottawa Torah Center, runs a work shop at local Jewish schools that gives children a basic understanding of the laws and guidelines kashrut.

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Then a miniature farm is set up. The children pick their way through dozens of animals, looking for the signs and verifying the kosher ones amongst the bunch.

The program concludes with the children actually putting together their own kosher meal. They are given a list of various menus and they must decide, based on their knowledge, what is proper to cook together.

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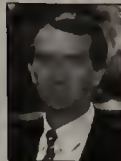
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# OTC attracts unaffiliated to High Holiday services

In an e-mail sent to Rabbi Menachem M. Blum of Ottawa Torah Center (OTC), a man who attended Rosh Hashanah services last year wrote: "I wanted to say thank you for opening your doors for the High Holidays."

"It has been many years since I have attended a Rosh Hashanah service, and I greatly appreciated the warmth and spiritual boost I got from the services yesterday. Especially hearing the shofar, live, for the first time in over 30 years."

The e-mail was signed by Paul E., but it might

have been written by many others.

When Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown October 3, it will usher in the 10 days that lead up to Yom Kippur, known as the Days of Awe. But for some Jews, these become the days of dread and guilt. Long services, the scramble for tickets required for synagogue seats, questions about the relevance of services - it's enough to drive a person *meshugeh*, or crazy.

"The High Holidays can come and go and not necessarily leave an impact," says Rabbi Blum. "Our goal is to make it an excep-

tionally inspiring experience and the perfect way to start a new year."

For the past nine years, he has held High Holiday services during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. With only 25 people attending the first year, OTC services grew to 250 people last year.

Year after year, families enjoy a traditional service in a uniquely warm and friendly atmosphere, and a youth program with a junior congregation is provided. Conducted in Hebrew and English, this service takes on a user-friendly feel as Rabbi Blum guides the participants through the liturgy as only he knows how to do.

Although the Ottawa area has places of worship, not everyone's needs are met. In order to help fill that void, OTC will reach all Jews, regardless of background, level of knowledge or financial ability, providing them with a service open to all. His goal, he

said, is to attract unaffiliated Jews, those who don't belong to a synagogue.

"Studies show that the unaffiliated are the hardest pressed to attend High Holiday services, primarily because of ticket requirements," says Rabbi Blum. "Just like the doors of heaven, the doors of OTC will be open to all during the High Holidays!"

Services will be held this year at the Best Western Baron's Hotel and Conference Centre at 3700 Richmond Road in Bells Corners. Rooms are available for those wishing to stay on site during the holidays.

During services, a special program is organized for the children, directed by Hildy Lesh and Dina Blum. They will provide meaningful as well as fun educational activities for the children while the adults enjoy the service.

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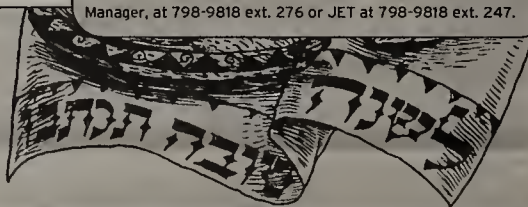
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## The Ottawa Klezmer Band to perform October 26 at the Outaouais Festival of Sacred Music

As part of the 2005 Outaouais Festival of Sacred Music, and to celebrate the close of Simchat Torah, on Wednesday, October 26, 2005, the Ottawa Klezmer Band will present a lively, upbeat performance of klezmer music, as well as sing-along Yiddish theatre and art songs, cantorial liturgy and Broadway numbers.

Featured artists include Floralove Katz, vocalist, cellist and band leader; Natasha Guillier, pianist; David Renaud, clarinetist; Sol Gunner, double bass; Don Laver, percussion; and Alexandre Matte, trumpet.

Over a two-week period, the annual Outaouais Festival of Sacred Music features a variety of soloists and ensembles whose material

extends from sacred liturgy to music that reflects the culture, the voice or the history of a people.

Klezmer is the music born of the passionate intensity of the Jewish experience. Fifteenth century "Klezmerim" were itinerant musicians who travelled from shtetl (village) to shtetl across the Pale of Europe.

Through the centuries, klezmer musicians rescued and salvaged snippets of melodies and themes from a variety of sources, then incorporated them into their oral, musical traditions.

From generation to generation, the melodies constantly absorbed new material, always expanding to include more and more global acquisitions.

The music today rings of

the influences of Jewish cantorial liturgy; Russian military marches; gypsy or Rom music; and Hungarian, Polish, Greek, Turkish, Bulgarian and Israeli dance music.

Klezmer audiences are a diverse group, drawn together by the occasion to feel happy, to clap and sing along to this lively and truly accessible "world music."

Tickets for the 8:00 pm, October 26 concert, at the auditorium, Canadian Museum of Civilization, 100 Laurier Ave, Gatineau, are available by calling Natasha Guillier (820-2816), the Canadian Museum of Civilization (776-7000, ext. 7) or Festival de musique sacrée de l'Outaouais (819-771-5329 or [info@sacree.qc.ca](mailto:info@sacree.qc.ca)).



The Ottawa Klezmer Band (from left to right): Natasha Guillier, Don Laver, Floralove Katz, David Renaud and Sol Gunner.



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Jason Rybak and Adam Slipacoff. All these players previously played in the Ottawa JMBL and most are veterans of Macabbia basketball teams.

The Suns finished fourth in the regular season in the 10-team Elite Division. In both the quarter and semi-finals, they came back from

double-digit second half deficits to win.

In the best of three finals, the Suns took game one by five points.

After losing Presser for the rest of the year and with Slipacoff already on the injured list, they lost game two by 36 points.

In game three, with only

five players, facing the defending champions and their full team of nine guys, the Suns prevailed 57-54. Slover led the way with 19 points and Olszynko scored 12.

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## What I have learned about Rosh Hashanah

Jews must be the only people in the world who celebrate at least three new years in a year. There is, of course, the notion that every day is a new day and thus potentially the start of a new year. But then we could start a new year every second. As you can see, this New Year business can quickly get out of hand. So there are some days more official than others.

We have the start of the seasons in the spring, so Jews have a new year in Nissan. It's the first month of the calendar. For plants and trees, the cycle of life in the Middle East starts even earlier, so Jews celebrate a new year for trees in Shevat. And finally we have a new year in Tishrei on the anniversary of the creation of the world. Apparently, Hashem created the calendar before he created the world because he created it on the first day of the seventh month. The Creator had an inside tip that there would be lucky sevens.

Rosh Hashanah, the New Year in Tishrei, is the most solemn one we have because this is when we get our annual appraisal from above.

On Rosh Hashanah, we receive the first draft of the

appraisal. We have a week to think about it, make comments, objections, suggestions and lay out a plan of action for improvement.

On Yom Kippur, the annual appraisal is signed and it becomes the official record. Not that you can't change the next day. But there's that official record you'll have to contend with for a while.

My own early experience of Rosh Hashanah was peculiar. We walked to a house on Beverley Street in downtown Toronto, the Radomer Centre. My parents would sit in a room where the Gabbai, my second cousin once removed, through marriage on my mother's side, would auction off aliyahs in Yiddish. "Achtzn toler Shlishi tsum ershten mol, tsum tsavayn mol (eighteen dollars for Shlishi going once, going twice)," and then pausing for special effect and hoping someone would raise the offer, he cleared his throat and said slowly, drawing out each syllable, "Achtzn toler Shlishi tsum dritten mol," and bang his shoe on the lectern like Krushchev at the United Nations.

I would not stay, but would be let loose to play in the rooms upstairs or outside. Rosh Hashanah is apparently the time to learn some of life's lessons. Adults would stream out from the two buildings on occasion. This is when I learned the Rosh Hashanah rule that you were not allowed to smoke in front of the building, but had to go around the corner. I also learned the rule that we were not really allowed to play spin the bottle while our parents were downstairs in the services. Finally, I learned you had to get dressed up in your best leather shoes and your best suit for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. I have learned better since.

Someone entering a shul on Rosh Hashanah today might think Jews pray by preparing for a track meet. Nike, Reebok and other track and running shoes are everywhere to be seen. It is sort of the stimulus for a fifth kashe. "All of the



**Humour me,  
please**

Rubin Friedman

other days of the year, we wear black shoes. On this day, we wear track shoes." Ma Neshtana? You could expect the rabbi to count down to the New Year by saying, "On your mark, get set, go!" "Go" would coincide with a blast from the Shofar.

Above all, I have learned the gift of laughing at yourself and being happy in the world. And what could be happier than apples dipped in honey? Reworking Keats writing about the fall, I would say, "Season of Gefilte Fish and mel-low Honey Cake!" Have a sweet and a healthy year.

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### Apple Gateau

The low oven temperature and long baking time are not a misprint. This cake bakes at 175 degrees F for 12-14 hours. Although the baking time is long, once it is in the oven, you can go to bed and forget about it until the morning.

It is wonderful served with caramel sauce and vanilla ice cream or, for a pareve dessert, non-dairy ice cream.

2 tablespoons unsalted butter or margarine, softened  
1/8 cup granulated sugar  
6 1/2 pounds granny smith apples  
(about 13 large apples), peeled, halved and cored

Preheat oven to 175 degrees F. Generously butter a soufflé dish (8 inches across and 4 inches tall). Cut a wide strip of parchment paper to form a collar extending at least 3 inches above the rim of the dish. Generously butter the parchment paper. Press the buttered side of the parchment against the inside of the dish. Chill until butter is set.

Set an apple half, cut side down, on a cutting board and cut it crosswise into the thinnest possible slices, about 1/8 inch thick. Sprinkle the bottom of the dish with sugar. Arrange a layer of apple slices in a floral pattern in the bottom of the dish. Top the first layer of apples with more apple slices, this time facing the slices the other way. This crossed pattern ensures that the cake will hold together when unmolded. Sprinkle the second layer with sugar. Continue filling the dish in this manner. Depending on the size of your dish, the apples may extend beyond the top of the dish. That is what the paper collar is for. They will shrink down during baking. Cover the top with a round of parchment. Top with a small stack of plates slightly smaller than the soufflé dish to seal and weigh down the apples. Place soufflé dish on a foil-lined baking sheet.

Bake until the apples are much reduced and melting-ly soft when pierced with a skewer, 12-14 hours. Tear off the top of the paper collar and let cake cool to room temperature. The easiest way to unmold is to place a serving platter on top of the soufflé dish, place one hand flat on the bottom of the serving platter and the other under the soufflé dish and flip the soufflé dish over. The top should be lightly caramelized with a little syrupy juice running down the sides.

## How is a Jew like an apple?

In planning my Rosh Hashanah column, I began to think a lot more about the two most common food symbols of this holiday, apples and honey. I know that we dip apples in honey to symbolize our wishes for a sweet year for family, friends and all the Jewish people. While this explanation makes sense, I wondered why specifically apples and honey? Why not bananas dipped into maple syrup? (Hmmm, I see a new recipe developing.)

In researching this question, I came upon an interesting explanation on the website [www.torah.org](http://www.torah.org). The insight offered, regarding the apple part of the equation, goes like this: "On most fruit trees the leaves appear before the fruit, thus providing a protective cover for the young fruit. The apple, however, makes a preemptive move by appearing before the leaves. The Jewish people are compared to an apple because we are willing to live out our Jewish lives even if this seems to leave us unprotected. We have confidence that God and the instructions in the Torah could never mislead us."

The choice of honey is explained with this insight: "A



### Made with Love

Cindy Feingold

bee can inflict pain by its sting, yet it also produces delicious honey. Life has this same duality of potential. We pray that our choices will result in a sweet year."

Thus satisfied that we are indeed correct to celebrate Rosh Hashanah with apples and honey, here are two unusual apple cake recipes to try. The first recipe comes from chef Anne Willan. My sister Bonnie served us this cake last year and I could not believe that it contained only two ingredients, apples and sugar. The second recipe is for an Apple Upside-Down Gingerbread cake from *Cook's Magazine* (November 1995).

### Apple Upside-Down Gingerbread Cake

4 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted  
3/4 cup light brown sugar  
2 large granny smith apples, peeled, halved, cored and sliced thin  
2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour, sifted  
1/2 teaspoon baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
2 teaspoons ground ginger  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg  
1/2 teaspoon ground allspice  
1 teaspoon Dutch-processed cocoa powder  
8 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted, and cooled  
3/4 cup unsulphured molasses  
3/4 cup granulated sugar  
1/2 cup buttermilk  
1/2 cup milk  
1 large egg

Adjust oven rack to centre position and heat oven to 350 degrees F.

Spray the bottom and sides of an 11 x 7 x 1 1/2 inch glass baking pan with PAM. Dust pan with flour. Pour melted butter into pan; spread brown sugar evenly over pan bottom. Arrange apple slices, overlapping slightly, over the layer of brown sugar. Set prepared pan aside.

Whisk together flour, baking soda, salt, ginger, cinnamon, nutmeg, allspice and cocoa in medium bowl.

Beat butter, molasses, sugar, buttermilk, milk and egg in large bowl of electric mixer on low speed.

Add dry ingredients to liquid; beat on medium speed until batter is smooth and thick, about 1 minute, scraping down sides of bowl with spatula. Do not overmix.

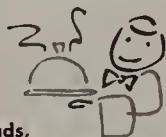
Pour batter over apples in pan. Bake about 55 minutes, until top springs back when lightly touched and edges have pulled away from pan sides.

Set pan on wire rack and let cool in pan 5 minutes. Invert onto serving plate, cut into squares and serve.



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## Buying Jewish content kid books sends important message

On Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we take stock of our previous year's activities and pledge to renew our efforts to improve. When we do this, we usually consider the big issues in our lives.

But what about small things, like the books we buy for our children and grandchildren? True, all books promote literacy, and that is good. But buying Kid Lit books with Jewish content also sends a message about our commitment to things Jewish.

A few simple rules for making such purchases may be helpful. For pre-schoolers, choose books that depict concepts they already know or are about to learn. For school aged children, choose books that tell a good story.

The following books are prime examples of choosing books by following those simple, yet effective, rules.

**Happy Birthday, World**  
A Rosh Hashanah Celebration  
By Latifa Berry Kropf  
Kar-Ben Publishing 2005  
Unpaged Ages 1-4

*Happy Birthday, World* is a simple board book that compares and contrasts what we do on Rosh Hashanah to what we do on a child's birthday.

A simple question sets the stage. "Guess what special birthday it is?" And then examples are given.

The examples include the foods we eat, the candles we light, the horns we toot, gifts received and given, and where we go. Bright, cheerful pictures emphasize birth-days and Rosh Hashanah as a family-centred celebration. Short, sweet, to-the-point.

**The Opposites of My Jewish Year**  
By L.N. Dion  
Pictures by Julie Olson  
Kar-Ben Publishing 2005  
Unpaged Ages 1-4

More comprehensive in scope and intent than the previous board book, *The Opposites of My Jewish Year* contrasts one basic concept per Jewish holiday.

For example, loud/quiet refers to the shofar and prayers on Rosh Hashanah while big/little is presented in the context of the story read on Yom Kippur, "Jonah and the Whale." Long/short describes the symbols of Sukkot while open/closed refers to the Torah on Simchat Torah. And so it goes through Chanukah, Tu B'Shevat, Purim,



### Kid Lit

Deanna Silverman

Passover, Shavuot and Shabbat.

Again, the illustrations are bright and cheerful. My one complaint is that this kind of introductory book should also include Yom HaShoah, Yom Ha'Atzmaut and Yom Yerushalayim. Get with the times, folks!

**Wise ... and Not So Wise**  
Ten Tales from the Rabbis  
Selected and Retold by Phillis Gershtator  
Illustrated by Alexa Ginsburg  
The Jewish Publication Society 2004  
96 pps. Ages 6 and up

Among Judaism's prime values is the learning process that consists of questions and answers. Speaking very generally, that is the essence of both the Talmud and Mishnah, our historic commentaries on the Torah. Included in those commentaries are all sorts of stories – fantasy, humour, miracles, heartaches, etc. – that both entertain and reinforce values.

In *Wise ... and Not So Wise*, Phillis Gershtator retells seven stories from the Talmud and three from the Mishnah about people and incidents dating between the first and second centuries CE. She is an excellent storyteller and her slight changes modernize the stories without interfering with their style or intent.

Of special interest to me were the three stories featuring Rabbi Hanina Ben Dosa's wife, who is not identified by name, as well as the rabbi. Like Rabbi Hilkiah's wife in "Making It Rain," she is the one who does good deeds in "Goats for Chickens" and "What's Cooking" and who recognizes angels in "Hanina's Story."

"Figs for Gold" and "Teacher in the Cave" involve the Roman Emperor Hadrian, the first from the period when he was considered good for the Jews and the second from when he was definitely bad to the Jews. And "The Observant Cow" offers a unique take on conversion.



From *Happy Birthday, World*

Gershtator's notes and questions after each story and an extended glossary compiled by Janet Greenstein Potter enrich the learning aspects of the stories, even though some of the questions were too heavy-handed for my taste.

Nevertheless, learning from a flying rabbi, goats with bears on their heads, muscle-bound angels, a cow, a bird, and bread made of twigs, to mention just a few oddities, is a sweet, humorous experience.

From my family to yours, may the New Year bring good health, love, laughter, learning and fulfillment.

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Make someone's day a little better!

- Join In Our Recreation Programs & Special Events – The fun stuff! We require assistance at activities with the residents; i.e. serving tea, portering and generally lending a helping hand. Choose your event, can be once in a while, or on a regular basis. Approx. 2 hours ... and it's always entertaining! Please add your name to this call list today.
- Attention High School students ... A great place to visit and learn ... while gaining valuable experience and volunteer hours for community service requirement. Help out with recreation programs, entertainment and special holiday events on Sunday afternoons, Shul Services or Monday night Bingo. Please call for a registration and orientation appointment.
- Attend Shabbat Services, be part of the minyan (congregation) and perform a mitzvah at the same time! We are looking for young men over the age of 13 to take residents to the Lodge Synagogue and assist/participate during Services at The Abraham and Dora Lithwick Chapel on Saturday mornings.
- Residents would also appreciate the assistance from female volunteers during Saturday morning Synagogue Services. Please call for further information and scheduling. 3 hours credit for community service available each visit. Call to register.
- If Hands On Is More Your Style ... Ready Set Go ... Help with setting the dining room tables. One hour, either mornings or afternoons, call for scheduling.
- Have shopping experience? Join the monthly outing! Be available to accompany residents on short outings to the mall. We require one volunteer for each resident to participate. So call today!
- Administrative Help – spend a few hours weekdays assisting with clerical and reception duties.
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Students welcome (please note: children under the age of 14 require adult accompaniment)

## Hope, in prayer and in mankind

With the High Holy Days upon us, repentance for the past and trust in the future gives us, we hope, all another chance at the Book of Life. One of these two books offers obvious solace and can act as an aid to redemption. The other can be said to be redemptive literature.

*The Time of the Uprooted*

By Elie Wiesel

Alfred Knopf/Random House  
Hardcover, 2005

Memory. One could say it's been the underlying theme of much of Elie Wiesel's writings. Indeed, it seems to have been the mantra that guides his life. Memory can serve as a catalyst to action, the impetus one needs to remedy a wrong, to alter a future so that it does not repeat a past.

In Wiesel's latest book, memory – that of the protagonist Gamaliel Friedman (a.k.a. Péter Kerész) – is once again the theme of this melancholic yet somewhat optimistic novel. Memory is what fuels Gamaliel's feelings of rootlessness and dispossession. It is what keeps him tethered to the past. It is the stuff of nightmares, of loss and sadness, of unfulfilled longing.

Gamaliel is a ghost-writer. (Ghost-writing, perhaps, symbolizes Gamaliel's relationships with those who have meant the most to him: his children and the women in his life. His interactions with them, he finally understands, were never genuine.) When we meet him, he is an older man, a survivor of the horrors of the war, having lost his parents to it and perhaps the one woman he ever loved freely, Ilonka, the Christian cabaret singer who kept him safe throughout it. Living in New York, divorced from a wife who has ultimately committed suicide, estranged from his two daughters, one of whom attempted to kill herself, he and his friends – stateless men themselves, representative of the Jewish Diaspora, with their own horror stories to tell – try to make things better for others in the world in their own small ways.

Gamaliel spends the book trying to make sense of his life, of man's life, really, and of man's relationship to God.

### At the Greenberg Families Library

The new fall programming has begun. On Sunday, September 25 at 2 pm, the Ottawa Jewish Film Society begins its annual viewings with "The Imported Bridegroom," a 93-minute film about Asriel Stroon, a widowed landlord in turn-of-the-century America who returns to the "old country" and prays for the Almighty to wipe away his sins. While there, he bids on a bridegroom for his daughter Flora, but Flora wants to marry an American doctor. Open to all SJCC and Library members with presentation of a card.

Part three of "A Music Appreciation Series" with Carleton University professor and noted music critic Jean-Jacques Van Vlasselaer continues on Wednesday, September 28 at 1:30 pm, in the Nathan, David and Max Zelikovitz Families Social Hall. The topic: Mozart's legacy – Celebrating Mozart's 250th birthday. The series costs \$50, \$12 per lecture for members; \$70 or \$15 per lecture for non-members.

The Library's Book Discussion series begins anew. Again, freelance writer and "Book Beat" columnist, Kinneret Globerman, will lead five discussions, the first taking place Wednesday, September 28 at 7:30 pm on Dara Horn's *In the Image*, a romantic story about a young woman's coming of age and a spiritual journey – infused with the lessons of history. Free for members of the Library; \$5 for non-members.

For information on any of these programs, please call the Library (798-9818, ext. 245).



## The Book Beat

Kinneret Globerman

The book is more rumination than plot, more discourse than musing, but written in Wiesel's distinctive and deeply affecting prose.

"In principle, one should not be able to put it into words, this horror that is war, this blasphemy that is war, this grotesque agony, this licensed slaughter, this glorified butchery that is war."

"One day, you'll understand, my precious. The world is a cruel place. It doesn't want us [Jews]; it condemns us."

"God is everywhere, and it is only in the hearts of men that He sometimes feels Himself a stranger."

"Survivor! For a long time now, Gamaliel's reaction to the word has been that it was cheapened, made a cliché, used in all kinds of situations. Everybody wanted to be one. No need to have undergone a selection at Birkenau or the tortures of Treblinka."

Elie Wiesel has written 40 books of fiction and non-fiction and has received numerous awards for them, including the Nobel Peace Prize in 1986. In his acceptance speech, he declared: "The uprooted and their hopelessness ... something must be done about their situation ... But I have faith. Faith in the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and even in His creation. Without it no action would be possible. And action is the only remedy to indifference, the most insidious danger of all."

*Siddur: For the Sabbath and festivals*

with an interlinear translation

Edited by Rabbi Menachem Davis/

Rabbinical Council of America

Artscroll Series/Mesorah Publications Ltd.

Hardcover, 2002

The publishers at Mesorah (ArtScroll) are always trying to come up with new ways to facilitate prayer. They have already published transliterated prayer books for those who can't read Hebrew but want to wholeheartedly participate in synagogue services nonetheless. Now, they've produced the interlinear prayer book for those of us who can read Hebrew but don't completely understand what it is we're praying.

I think it's brilliant. Instead of praying by rote, as so many of us have learned to do, this prayer book series allows us to be mindful of what we are praying, at the time we are praying, to thus enter fully into the spiritual exercise of communing with God.

Yet this *siddur* is not just for the Hebrew greenhorn. Even veteran Hebrew readers can be thrown by an unfamiliar word or phrase, particularly when it's biblical. The format of this prayer book allows one to quickly glance at the English translation that appears directly under the Hebrew word without losing one's place. The fact that English is read from left to right and Hebrew in the opposite direction has been taken into account with directional arrows.

This is the *siddur* you can take with you to synagogue every Shabbat evening and morning. It contains all of the standard prayers and Festival Torah readings. Its introductory overview discusses the role of prayer in everyday life and provides a perspective on Shabbat and Festival prayers.

If one of your New Year's resolutions is to go to *shul* more often this coming year, this is a prayer book made to order. Don't leave your home without it.



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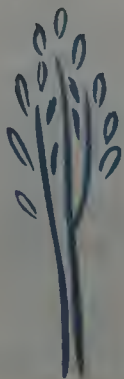
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Malca and Bill Kahansky and on Bill's birthday by Sylvia Kershman.  
Birthday wishes to:  
Howard Appovite on his 60th birthday by Sylvia Kershman.

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## In Appreciation:

The family of the late Abe Hochberg would like to thank all our family and friends for their kindness and expressions of condolence on the loss of a dear husband, father, grandfather, brother, brother-in-law and uncle. Your generous donations, cards and visits were comforting and uplifting during this difficult time.

Bernice & Norma Hochberg, Linda Kerzner and Rose Goldberg

## A trip down memory lane

By Casey Swedlove

It was my pleasure to have attended the Annual General Meeting of the Foundation this past June. For me, it was an evening of joy and pride.

All my life, my greatest satisfaction was when I planted a seed or a seedling and saw it grow. My great pride was when I heard our President, Ron Levitan, announce the Foundation's substantial growth.

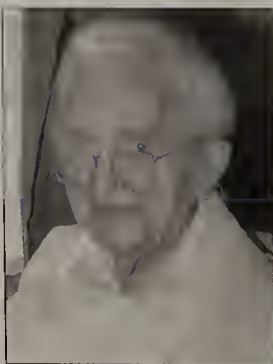
The Foundation has grown to a total of 35 million dollars consisting of 628 funds, plus 104 insurance policies with a face value of \$20,513,000.00.

I recall like yesterday, when the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation reached its first million dollars, Laura Greenberg went out and bought a cake and we all thought that we had won the lottery.

We would be remiss if we didn't recall the efforts of Hy Hochberg, Gilbert Greenberg and Bernie Shinder who had the first idea of a Foundation for the Jewish Community.

I was invited to be the volunteer Executive Director, and so for 20 years, I helped nurture the seedlings that Hy, Gilbert and Bernie had planted.

During my term in office, I was privileged to work with a wonderful group of



Casey Swedlove,  
Honorary Senior Adviser

Presidents. Each and every one gave so much of themselves to enlarge the Foundation. Along with working with these committed leaders, we became good friends. I will treasure these friendships as long as I live.

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**R'fuah Sh'lemah to:**  
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**In memory of:**  
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## Poetry in our prayers

In Judaism, creativity was channelled to the verbal arts – poetry and storytelling – rather than visual images. This column introduces web sources on how traditional Hebrew religious poetry creates its effects, as well as sites for the Tehillim (Psalms), which are the most significant poetic element in our daily, Shabbat and holiday prayers.

Biblical rhythms and patterns are the basis of poetry in our prayer books. Rabbi Philip Birnbaum estimated that over one-sixth of the Hebrew Bible (Tanach) is in poetic form.

Besides the most familiar poetry of the Hebrew Bible – the Psalms, the Song of Solomon, Lamentations (Achoth) – there are other parts of the Tanach that are poetic. These include the Proverbs, many prophetic visions, as well as some passages included in the narrative writings (harvest songs; songs of rejoicing, victory songs).

This poetry arises from a preliterary tradition. The poetic prayers were recited, or chanted by masses of people, rather than read. Rhymed verse does not occur in biblical poems and in prayers taken from the Bible.

The difference in poetic technique can create obstacles to people more familiar with Western rather than Hebrew poetry. Instead of rhyme, ancient Hebrew poetry often is

marked by parallelism of lines, phrases and imagery.

In this parallelism of phrases or lines, a statement is followed by a related parallel statement that expresses a similar idea, or emphasizes it, but in different words, or makes a change in imagery that emphasizes or extends the basic concept.

The elaboration of imagery is in tune with Biblical Hebrew's emphasis on specifics, rather than generalized abstractions. Examples occur in the Hallel. Some of these verses were chanted antiphonically – the worshippers respond with the echoing parallel line to the line chanted by the leader. This probably goes back to Temple days and continues in congregational prayer today.

Various forms of our religious poetry, different types of parallelism and other technicalities of the poetics of Hebrew prayer are highly specialized study. For readers interested in delving into these, I've listed key sites in [www.answers.com](http://www.answers.com) and in the old Jewish Encyclopedia.

#### Psalms (Tehillim)

The Psalms are the main poetic element of our daily prayers and are expanded in the Shabbat and holiday services. "The Psalms have been on the lips of more people throughout the centuries than any other written composition" (Bernstein).

The essence of the Psalms is summarized in the original Hebrew – Tehillim (praises). Psalms include magnificent glorifications of God (as in the Hallel Psalms), but also more intimate thanks and praise for God's protection and help (David's Psalms). By speaking to the heart, to human concerns and needs, these Psalms become a source of comfort and hope. Imagery reaches out to the individual, as he or she experiences the vicissitudes of life common to all of us.

Bernstein lists the types of poetic expression in Tehillim: hymns; thanksgivings; elegies – formal poems



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of lament or mourning; pilgrim songs, meditations; historical poems; poems about nature.

A slightly modified version of the older Jewish Publication Society (JPS) Psalms can be found at a Tehillim site maintained by Haredi – select the number of one of the Tehillim and click on the JPS option to their English translation. If you have software installed for your browser that converts unicode to Hebrew script, you can choose to see the Psalm as a Hebrew page, or in the full Masoretic version.

Tehillim Hotline's main site promotes regular daily recitation of Tehillim and provides a way to use the web to have people say Psalms for your friends and loved ones. Its Tehillim Online pages give you access to Tehillim in Hebrew or English. There is also a search box that lets you enter a keyword and find the Psalms in which it appears.

As we prepare for the Yomtovim, I wish you and all Israel a coming year of good health, well-being, peace and prosperity.

#### Websites

Answers.com Biblical poetry: [http://www.answers.com/main/nquery?sessionid=fb4josp92b96?method=4&dsid=2222&dekey=Biblical+poetry&gwp=8&curiab=2222\\_1&sbid=lc03a](http://www.answers.com/main/nquery?sessionid=fb4josp92b96?method=4&dsid=2222&dekey=Biblical+poetry&gwp=8&curiab=2222_1&sbid=lc03a)

Poetry – Jewish Encyclopedia: <http://www.jewishencyclopedia.com/view.jsp?artid=388&letter=P&search=Bible%20Poetry>

Parallelism – Jewish Encyclopedia: <http://www.jewishencyclopedia.com/view.jsp?artid=67&letter=P&search=JPS+Psalms>

Tehillim Hotline: <http://www.tehillimhotline.org/default.asp>

Tehillim online: [http://www.tehillimhotline.org/prayer\\_categories.asp](http://www.tehillimhotline.org/prayer_categories.asp)

Jewish Encyclopedia (Psalms): <http://www.jewishencyclopedia.com/view.jsp?artid=574&letter=P&search=Psalms>

For Hebrew unicode: search Google for the following string: unicode Hebrew reader (plus "Windows," "Macintosh," or "Linux" for the operating system).

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health and prosperity.  
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**The Staff  
of the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin**



# WHAT'S GOING ON September 26 to October 9, 2005

For a detailed listing  
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**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**  
Jewish Federation of  
Ottawa, Public Service Event,  
with guest speaker Alina  
Spaulding, Agudath Israel  
Congregation, 1400 Coldray  
Avenue, 7:30 pm.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**  
Greenberg Families Library,  
Music Appreciation Series, with  
Professor Jean-Jacques Van  
Vlasselaer, Mozart's Legacy:  
Marking the 150th Anniversary of  
Schumann's Death, 1:30 pm.

Adult Department of the  
Soloway Jewish Community  
Centre, "Pre-planned Funeral"  
Information Evening, 7:00 pm.  
Mother and Daughter Israeli  
Dancing (Ladies Only) Congre-  
gation Machzikai Hadas, 2310  
Virginia Drive, 7:00 pm.

Greenberg Families Library  
Book Discussion Group, "In the  
Image/Dara Horn," 7:30 pm.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**  
An evening with Simon  
Jacobson, Author of 60 Days: A

spiritual Guide to the High Hol-  
days, OTC, 3023 Cedarview Road,  
Barhaven, 7:30 pm. Ticket info:  
[www.OttawaTorahCenter.com](http://www.OttawaTorahCenter.com).

The Vered Israel and Educa-  
tional Program, book talk with  
Sara Vered, "The Blue Moun-  
tain," 7:30 pm.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2**  
SJCC/JET Rosh Hashanah  
Family Celebration, 1:00 pm.  
The Vered Israel and Educa-  
tional Program, Israeli House,  
7:30 pm.



## SHABBOT CANDLELIGHTING BEFORE

Sep 30 \* 6:27 pm Oct 7 \* 6:14 pm

## YOM TOV CANDLELIGHTING

Erev Rosh Hashanah	Oct 3	6:21 pm
First Day	Oct 4	after 7:23 pm
Erev Yom Kippur	Oct 12	6:04 pm
Erev Succot	Oct 17	5:56 pm
Succot	Oct 18	after 6:58 pm

## COMING SOON

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26**  
Ottawa Klezmer Band concert,  
Canadian Museum of Civilization. Tickets: 820-2816.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1**  
JNF 2005 Negev Dinner:  
honoree Dr. Hartley Stern  
with keynote speaker Robert F. Kennedy Jr.  
Info: 798-2411

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3**  
AJA 50+ Bridge Fundraiser,  
Info: Doris Bronstein 789-1581

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13**  
Hillel Lodge Auxiliary annual tea  
in memory of Thelma Steinman.  
Info: Roz Fremeth (727-0785)  
Mediterranean Melodies, "Sea The Music" concert,  
Agudath Israel Synagogue.  
Ticket info: 77-3501



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and peaceful

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NOVEMBER 28 FOR DECEMBER 12\*

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